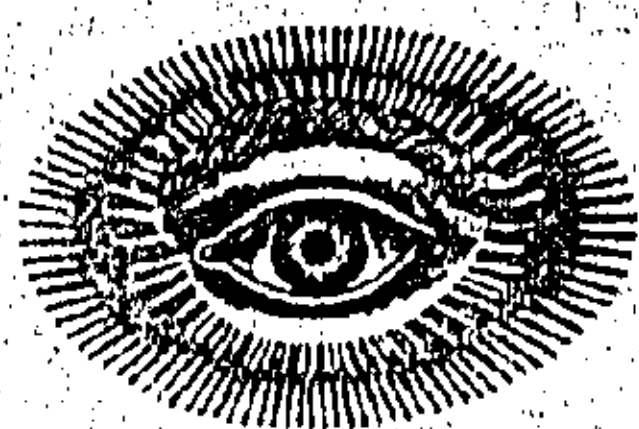


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BRITISH TOTALLY EVACUATING THREE PORTS.

A MENACING SITUATION.

The British Government has "no intention" whatever of surrendering Hongkong or of abandoning or diminishing in any way its rights or authority in any part of the adjacent mainland territories under British administration. This important announcement was made to a meeting of the District Watchmen Committee by H. E. the Governor this morning at Government House, on the instructions of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Communists are in full power at Hankow, and all remaining foreigners are living on the waterfront in case of hurried evacuation. Kuomintang moderates, including Mr. Eugene Chen, are now utterly powerless.

The Yangtze situation is still menacing and uncertain, and there will be a complete British and American withdrawal from Ichang, Changsha and Chungking. The situation in these places, it is feared, may get out of hand at any time.

So acute has been the firing on steamers and warships in the region of Chinkiang that retaliatory measures have been taken by foreign naval forces.

Although Shanghai is reported to be quiet there is considerable activity by agitators. The entrance to Woosung has been closed to sea-going ships from sunset to sunrise by Admiral Yang.

We are informed by the Colonial success in dealing with representatives that on the instructions of the foreign Powers. The Secretary of State for the Colonies His Excellency issued the closed, owing to impossible communication at a meeting of the District Watchmen Committee held at Government House this morning.

"His Majesty's Government would be glad if you would convey to the District Watchmen Committee and to the whole community of Hongkong their sincere sympathy in the great difficulties with which it is beset and their admiration for the energy and resource which have been displayed in facing these difficulties."

"His Majesty's Government have noted with the greatest satisfaction the loyalty of the whole community, and particularly of the Chinese, to the Hongkong Government, and they feel confident that the fortitude and resolution shown in the trying circumstances of the past two years by all concerned are a same reasons, the British and American communities, Consuls and conditions have been restored the gunboats have been withdrawn. Colony will continue to prosper in the future as in the past."

"You can, of course, assure the Committee and the Colony that His Majesty's Government will give the fullest protection to Hongkong and its mainland territories during the civil war now unhappily raging in China, and that they have no intention whatever of surrendering Hongkong or of abandoning or diminishing in any way its rights or authority in any part of the adjacent mainland territories under British administration, to the maintenance of which His Majesty's Government attach the highest importance."

HANKOW COMMUNISTS.

Now in Full Control.

Shanghai, March 30. A message from Hankow states that with Communism now in full power there, conditions for foreigners, especially British, have become impossible. A few of the latter, all men, are still remaining but must live on the waterfront from which they can be quickly evacuated in case of personal danger. Even the American Consul is forced to live on the waterfront and he has advised all Americans to do likewise.

The Kuomintang moderates have been utterly "downed." Even Mr. Eugene Chen is now powerless, although he will probably continue to be used for his

A MENACING SITUATION.

British Leave Up-River.

London, Mar. 29. The situation up the Yangtze is uncertain and menacing. The British authorities have decided to evacuate all the British at Ichang, on the Yangtze River, 165 miles west of Hangchow, at Changsha, 100 miles south-east of Ichang, and also at Changkiang, 850 miles above Hankow. The women and children have already been taken away from those towns and, for the past few days the men have been collected in buildings on the river front. The present decision is not due to any definite new threat. The local Chinese authorities are being informed and advised that they will be held responsible for the safety of British property. British naval forces at these ports are the gunboats Mantis, Widgeon and Teal at Chungking, Woodcock at Changsha, and Gnat at Ichang.

Other Yangtze Ports.

Other information from the Yangtze, is that at Chungking there is increasing extremist activity, despite official Chinese directions to suppress it.

At Shashi, the gunboat Cockchafer ordered Cantonese soldiers to disembark from a British steamer, which they had boarded. When the gunboat arrived, the soldiers declared that they were only visitors.

At Hankow, where the river is rising, the strike is still unsettled and foreign banks are closed. At Wuhu, women and children have been evacuated and men concentrated in hulks in the stream. A boycott is threatened and the situation is uncertain.

At Kiukiang, as compensation is being paid for commandeering the British steamer Kiangwo, the arms and ammunition left on board have been returned to the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

At Nanking, firing occasionally takes place in Hsaiwan, but ships have not been under rifle fire and the situation is improving. The Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, who has been appointed, has expressed a desire to call on the Cruiser H. M. S. Emerald, where the wounded British Consul General and certain members of the Chinese Customs and British firms are living. Rifle firing at foreign ships below Nanking is increasing especially at Kiangyin, Tungchow and Vine Point.—British Wireless.

YANGTZE WITHDRAWALS.

Three Ports Involved.

Chungking, Mar. 29.

Owing to trade being at a complete standstill during the progress of the Revolution and Civil War, the British and American communities, Consuls, and gunboats are being withdrawn.

Recent events have shown that the situation may at any time get out of hand and endanger the lives of foreigners in the zone of hostilities.—Naval Wireless.

Ichang, Mar. 29.

As at Chungking, and for the same reasons, the British and American communities, Consuls and gunboats have been withdrawn.—Naval Wireless.

Changsha, Mar. 29.

The example of Chungking and Ichang has been followed.—Naval Wireless.

HANKOW AMERICANS.

Reduced to a Minimum.

Hankow, Mar. 29.

Considerable troop movement has been taking place. The American community has been reduced to a minimum.—Naval Wireless.

WUHU NOW QUIETER.

The "Kutwo" Negotiations.

Wuhu, Mar. 29.

The situation has quietened during the last twenty-four hours and things are more normal. The Kutwo negotiations are still in progress, but it is hoped that the incident will be transferred to Hankow for settlement.—Naval Wireless.

FIRING ON STEAMERS.

Foreign Naval Retaliation.

Chinkiang, Mar. 29.

The firing on passing steamers and warships in this region had become so acute that foreign Senior Naval Officers decided to take retaliatory measures. Their action has been approved.—Naval Wireless.

SERIOUS SINGAPORE UNREST.

FREQUENT ATTACKS ON THE POLICE.

TROOPS STANDING BY.

Singapore, March 29.

The authorities view seriously the disturbances which have been going on here since the Sun Yat-sen celebrations.

Public vehicles and police have been frequently attacked, and there was another violent clash to-night, the police making a baton charge and many arrests of Chinese.

The magistrates are inflicting salutary sentences, and armed troops are standing by at the Police Stations.—Reuter.

An earlier message stated that the police again came into collision with a Chinese crowd, through the tram boycott on Monday evening.

The crowd was ugly but suddenly a detachment of military appeared, and the trouble subsided.

The boycott continues.

CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.

FINED FOR ARMS POSSESSION.

The man who was taken into custody by a Chinese revenue searcher on the Western waterfront on Monday afternoon to-day disclosed his identity at the Central Police Court, when, in response to a charge of being in possession of a revolver and seven rounds of ammunition, he stated that he was a correspondent of a Chinese paper in Siam, being sent up to Canton to keep in touch with events there.

The arms were being taken up to Canton for a friend who had preceded him, the defendant stated.

Mr. T. H. King, Director of the Criminal Investigation Department, had verified the defendant's antecedents, but held that ignorance could not be pleaded, as the defendant's father had travelled through Hongkong a number of times, and was in a position to impart his knowledge of the local law to his son.

When arrested, defendant was taking a walk along the Western waterfront with some companions, and it was his act of quickening his pace that attracted the suspicion of the searcher. The revolver and ammunition were concealed in an inside pocket.

Appearing for the defence, Mr. D. L. Strellett urged his Worship to take notice of the fact that the defendant was only passing through, his visit ashore being rather unavoidable since he could not arrange, in the first instance, to take a direct passage to Canton from Siam. Mr. Strellett asked his Worship to draw what he termed, a demarcation line between this and the case of persons who stayed in the Colony, and between those arrested under suspicious circumstances and otherwise.

Mr. King said had it not been for the fact that he was satisfied with the defendant's antecedents, the police would have asked for imprisonment. As it was, ignorance could not be pleaded in excuse, and he asked for a substantial fine.

His Worship agreed, and imposed a fine of \$500.

BRITAIN'S MOTOR TRADE.

MORE EXPORTS THAN IMPORTS.

London, Mar. 29.

The President of the Board of Trade stated in the House of Commons that £9,120,000 worth of cars and parts were exported from this country last year, while the value of imports was £5,316,000.—Reuter.

TO-DAY.

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CEMENT COMPANY.

SHOULD BRICKWORKS BE CLOSED?

QUESTIONS AT MEETING.

The closing down of the Deep Water Bay works was advocated by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher when he put a series of questions regarding the conduct of the Company's affairs at the 38th annual meeting of the Green Island Cement Company, Limited, held this morning at the offices of Messrs. Shawan, Tones and Co.

Mr. R. G. Shewan was in the chair, and there were also present:—Messrs. C. F. Mendham, J. Scott Harston, Allan Cameron, C. A. da Rosa (Directors), Allan Keith (Secretary), A. L. Shields, J. T. Bagram, N. V. A. Croucher, J. Coulthart, M. A. Figueiredo, M. Fernandez, Tong Hok-ting, O. Kitchell, A. Kitchell, D. L. King and P. M. N. da Silva (Shareholders).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, as the report and accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926, have been in your hands for some time past, I will, with your permission take them as read.

It is with great regret that your Directors have to lay before you such a poor report, but I said this time last year that I hardly dared to speak of our prospects at that time. The loss for the year, after allowing \$46,117.92 for depreciation, amounts to \$82,905.57 and after deducting the sum of \$55,342.92 brought forward from 1925, there is a debit balance of \$29,662.65, which your Directors recommend should be carried forward.

Cause of Loss.

The cause of this loss is wholly due to depression of business throughout the year, our sales being a little more than half of what they were in 1925. On the same basis of cost we would have made more than half the profit we made in 1925, but the increased cost of production, due to the lower output, practically wiped this out. At Macao we had to face expenses which brought us no return as, owing to lack of trade, the factory there ceased working in February, 1926. On the other hand, we cut down the staff and reduced expenses as far as we could, but this, of course, went a very little way as against the greatly increased cost of production.

It was, as you are aware, a bad year all round, but I think the prospects for the present year are more hopeful. At Hok On we can do nothing to improve conditions until we can obtain fresh capital and erect modern rotary kilns, but at Macao we shall soon have the benefit of the two new grate kilns, which are just being completed, and later on of two more which are now at Macao waiting erection. So we hope in time to have four new grate kilns working steadily at Macao and capable of turning out 25,000 casks of cement per month instead of the 9,000 casks turned out previously. This will help us to carry on and to meet any increased demand until the day comes when we may be able to carry out our intention to build and equip a first class factory at Hok On.

Effects of Exchange.

Exchange has handicapped our export business, but it is now, more in our favour and if this continues it will help us to regain our old markets abroad. With a lower exchange and a revival in the local building trade, we should certainly be able to lay before you a very different report this time next year, but time alone can prove whether these hopes are justified. But in the past year you will easily understand that it was not possible to sell cement or bricks or anything else to local contractors who assured us that they had not a single contract on hand.

At the Hok On factory, the old Aalborg kilns have been demolished and the site is being prepared for the new rotary kilns which we must install as soon as capital is obtainable. In regard to this, will notice that we have trans-

NEW BRITISH MOTOR RECORD.

NEARLY 3½ MILES PER HOUR.

MAJOR SEGRAVE'S FEAT.

Daytona Beach, Florida,

Mar. 29.

The British racing motorist, Major H. O. D. Segrave, who, with a specially constructed 1,000 horse-power Sunbeam car went to Florida for the purpose of attempting the speed of 200 miles per hour, to-day attained the speed of 207 miles per hour—a world's record.

The official figures of Major Segrave's speed were later given as 203.841 miles per hour.—Reuter's American Service.

[This is the third successive world record to be held by British motorists. The late Mr. Parry Thomas, in his special car "Baba" made the world's record for the mile (flying start) at 170.624 miles per hour, on Pendine Sands, in April last.

This was beaten on February 4th this year by Captain Malcolm Campbell, in his 450 h.p. Napier-Campbell car "Bluebird," when he established a speed of 174.843 miles per hour.]

CHAUFFEUR'S ASSAULT.

REPRIMAND FROM BENCH.

Interfering in a matter which did not concern him, a Chinese went so far as to use a chopper on a motor garage owner of 149, Wanchai Road.

It appears that the garage owner was approached by one of his chauffeurs for part of his salary in advance. The request was made at a tea house, and the chauffeur explained to his master that he wanted the money to send to the country. The master informed the chauffeur that he would give him the money in a few days, but one of the friends of the chauffeur interrupted, and said the defendant should be paid, whether his services were required or not. Words were exchanged and it is alleged that the defendant took up a chopper and struck the master on the head.

This morning, in describing the assault to Mr. R. E. Lindell the master of the garage said he felt a thud at the back of his head and when he felt his head with his hand, he discovered blood. He knew then that he had been struck with a chopper, but he did not see the weapon.

In imposing a fine of \$25, his Worship added:—"Don't butt into affairs that don't concern you. If you come up here again for the same offence, I will send you to gaol."

CONFIDENCE TRICK.

WOMAN FALLS EASY VICTIM.

The familiar "confidence-trick" of a Chinese, getting a simple-minded woman to change a bundle of what appears, beneath the wrappings, to be banknotes, and retaining her trinkets as security, whilst this was being done, was successfully practised by two rogues in the City yesterday. When they told their prospective victim whom they met at Queen's Road, that they had just disembarked from the Yuchow steamer and were complete strangers in the Colony, her sympathy was aroused. When they further told her that they had a big wad of notes but did not know the way to the money-changer's, her interest and perhaps something that was of greed, was quickened.

In the end, the woman was induced to part with her jewellery as security whilst her jewellery was taken to the money-changer's, to go to the money-changer's, the package, when unwrapped, was found to contain nothing but waste paper.

Disillusioned, the woman has made a report to the police, in the hope of recovering her jewellery, which is worth \$50.

CHINA TRADE.

SHANGHAI CHAMBER'S MEETING.

PROTEST OVER HANKOW.

The Chairman of the Shanghai British Chamber of Commerce Brig-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten made some important observations, at the annual meeting last Thursday on the activities of the Chamber during the year and upon the political situation. He expressed the dissatisfaction of the British merchants with the Hankow Agreement, emphasized that the British merchants wanted no more than peace and security, whereas the devastating propaganda of Moscow was designed to prevent such. He also referred to the revision of the tariff upon which a conference is now sitting in Shanghai.

British Trade Menaced.

The Chairman said in part:—Gentlemen, in presenting to you the twelfth annual report of the Chamber's activities, I would like in the first instance to state that the problems presented to your Committee for solution during the past year have been at times of a somewhat delicate nature. While your Committee endeavours to avoid politics so far as such a course is possible, politics have during the past year impinged themselves upon matters commercial as to be in many cases inseparable from them. I have only to mention Hankow and Central China, generally, where British trade has been seriously menaced, in fact almost brought to a standstill owing to the anti-British agitation and boycotts, which appear to have only one end in view, the undermining of British prestige and commerce in China.

Britain's Interest.

The trend of events during the past two years, and more especially recently, has led to greater interest being taken in, and more importance being placed upon affairs in China by H. M. Government and the people in Great Britain than hitherto. This increased interest has undoubtedly been fostered by the formation of the China Committee in London under Lord Southborough, which consists of several influential gentlemen, and the creation in China of China Committees in Shanghai, Hongkong, Hankow, Canton, Tientsin and Peking, through which channel of communication your Committee has been able in some measure to make known its views to the Foreign Office. No doubt most of you are aware that the local China Committees came into being as a result of a meeting of representatives of British interests in the ports above-mentioned, held in June last in the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, and their energies have been devoted to keeping the China Committee in London informed of the course of events in this country, and in offering advice and suggestions. While at first the China Committee at Shanghai, under the able Chairmanship of the late Mr. C. G. Humphreys, was inclined to work as a separate entity, reporting its activities to the Chamber, it later became established as a Sub-Committee of the combined Committee of the Chamber and the China Association, and thus more closely represented your interests.

Efforts to Enlighten London.

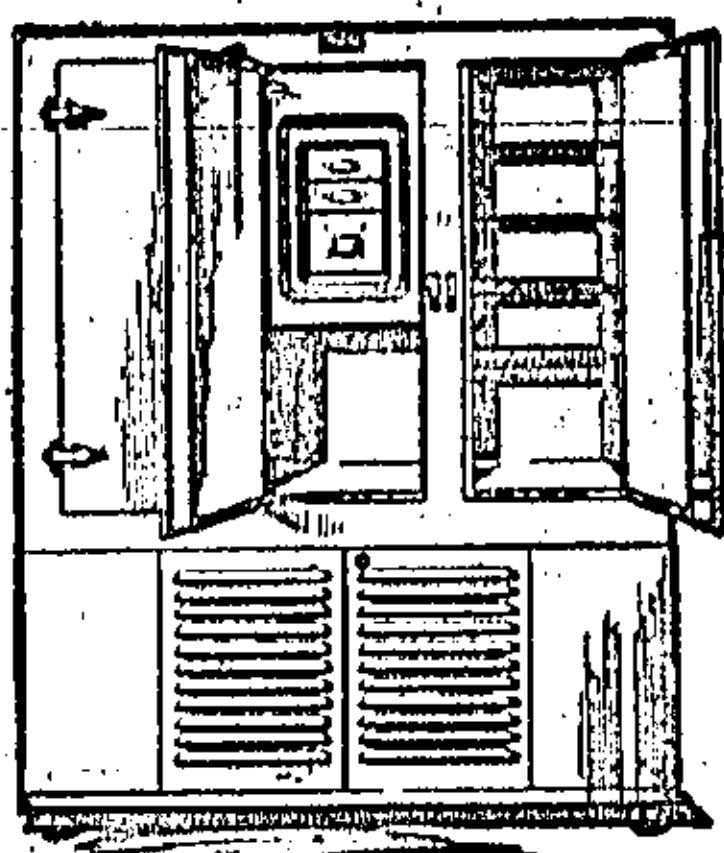
Conditions as you know, have changed and are changing rapidly. The extremist party would appear to have obtained an unwholesome ascendancy over the more sane and moderate elements, and their access and obvious intentions challenging as they do your interests, have been the subject of lengthy cables to London.

I must confess that though your Committee has left no stone unturned to represent the various situations as they have arisen, and to offer suggestions on their effect on the status and rights of British subjects, we have not been as fully informed as we should like as to the value that has been placed upon, and the attention that has been given to our cables and suggestions. We have

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THE PROTECTION OF SHANGHAI.

NON-BRITISHERS' TELEGRAM.

Mr. Carl Blix, of Messrs. Saunders and Blix, exchange brokers, 2A Kiukiang Road, was responsible for starting the movement in Shanghai to show the appreciation of non-British nationals of the protection afforded by the British Defence Force. Mr. Blix made the suggestion that a telegram be dispatched to the British Government, and many immediately expressed their desire to take it up, with the result that by two o'clock the same day over 200 signatures had been received, the first appended to the telegram being that of Mr. Stirling Fessenden, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

It was decided that ladies as well as men might sign the telegram. Copies for signature were placed at the Hongkong and Shanghai Club, and it was expected that the following would consent to have forms for signature—the American Club, Club Lusitano, French Club, Messrs. Lane, Crawford. It was felt that as many signatures as possible should be appended to the telegram immediately, so that there would be no delay in getting the message to London.

Timely and Adequate Steps.

Mr. Blix's statement to the *Shanghai Times* follows:

The events of the last few days have brought home forcibly to all of us the immense value of the timely and adequate steps taken by the British Government for the protection of Shanghai. The mere fact of the arrival of the British forces has prevented an earlier outbreak of terrorism in the Settlement itself.

It has, for some time, been clear to most of us that but for the British troops, we would not have been here to-day.

Of whatever nationality or creed, we must admit that when others stood aloof, the British Government acted, in spite of all obstacles. We all know of the political struggles going on in nearly every country in the world to-day. We know that the British Government is daily harassed and criticized by forces at work to undermine and to destroy. These forces are at work everywhere, here and in our own respective countries.

It is seldom that most of us out here find an opportunity of doing a good deed, but here is an excellent chance of adding our mite to a big cause, to silence, if but for a brief spell, the stupid braying of ignorance, cunningly employed by dangerous forces.

Below is an expression of appreciation proposed to be transmitted by wire and placed in the hands of the British Government.

It may be questioned of what use such an expression can be to the British Government, but one need only point to the press reports of the criticisms made in regard to the despatch of the troops to realize that every support is of value. An expression by hundreds of non-British residents of Shanghai is of value, and moreover it is an act of courtesy.

Simply an Appreciation.

This action needless to say, is not meant as a criticism of, or an offence to, our respective Governments. It is simply an appreciation expressed by broad-minded residents of an International Settlement to the Government of fellow-residents for services broadly-mindedly given. In these days of narrow-minded nationalism, it is as well to show the world that out here not only do we respect other nations, but we are big enough to prove it.

Hundreds of names of non-British residents are required to support the expression of appreciation. Nationality, creed and position are immaterial. Every non-Britisher's name is wanted.

In conclusion, the undersigned wishes to say that he hopes that the appeal will not lack support for the reason that, for expediency, he is playing a lone hand. To act quickly is necessary.

CHINA CRISIS.

OVERNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

London, March 29.
The *Daily Mail* Paris correspondent says that important French reinforcements have been ordered to Shanghai from Indo-China.—*Reuter.*

Changsha Crisis.

Shanghai, Mar. 29.
Following a slight encounter between a party from H.M.S. Woodcock and Chinese at Changsha, the local Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has demanded the withdrawal of British men-of-war from the port and the handing over of the British sailors involved in the incident in order to enable the Chinese to take drastic action against them.

It is also reported that the Commissioner has withdrawn extraterritorial rights from all Britishers at Changsha, and the British authorities are evacuating their nationals in consequence.—*Reuter.*

Press Comments.

Paris, Mar. 29.
The *Journal* reiterates the necessity for close co-operation between the French Concession and the International Concession at Shanghai on the doctrine of "Unity of defence" is the best guarantee of success.

The *Matin* says the Government has been taking necessary measures during the past four months and has a reserve of troops in Indo-China. Admiral Ezire has provisionally refused reinforcements offered him, as experts are of opinion the French can meet any surprise with forces already at their disposal. The newspaper adds that while single control may be undesirable, it does not follow France should refuse to participate in common action in the event of grave peril.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Naval Officer

Commits Suicide.

Shanghai, March 29.
Lieutenant Kameo Araki, who was in charge of the guard at the Japanese Consulate at Nanking at the time of the recent outrage there, attempted to commit suicide aboard the flagship *Tone* this morning, and is now in a grave condition. Lieut. Araki returned here from Nanking yesterday aboard the cruiser *Tenryu* to report the particulars of the outrage at the Consulate to Rear-Admiral Araki, the Commander in Chief of the Japanese Squadron in China. It was after this interview, that he attempted to take his life.

Apparently, Lieut. Araki was weighed down by the sense of responsibility for what occurred at the Consulate, where he with seven bluejackets were on guard. That he forbore to fire on the great mob of undisciplined Cantonese soldiers who attacked and looted the Consulate was solely because he feared that to do so would mean—as almost certainly it would—the massacre of all the Consular officials and their families.—*Reuter.*

Left a Message.

Shanghai, Later.
Araki is dead. It transpires he shot himself.

He left a note in the course of which he says, "I am quite ashamed for the honour of the Japanese Navy being disgraced by the Southern soldiers."—*Reuter.*

An Immediate Necessity.

London, Mar. 29.
The immediate necessity in China is sheer physical defence, is the opinion of the *Times*, in stating that whether or no there be a conflict between moderates and extremists in the Kuomintang, all recent events show the extremists are doing their utmost to force the issue in the direction they prefer, and with such elements further negotiations are impossible. It will be time to resume serious political negotiations when genuine Chinese Nationalism again emerges in an organized form.—*Reuter.*

Chang and Japan.

Peking, March 29.
At an interview with a Japanese correspondent, Marshal

Chang Tso-lin expressed his wish that the Japanese should help him in his present anti-Bolshevik campaign.

Marshal Chang said that before Borodin went down to the South, he first approached the Fengtien party for co-operation but Chang refused, as such co-operation would be dangerous to Japan and Chosen. Then Borodin influenced the Kuomintang to attack the Fengtien army.

Marshal Chang does not believe that the rumour that the Southerners have offered Japan the British privileges on the Yangtze is to be credited. He declares that the Fengtien military campaign against the South will be in accord with Japanese interest.

Chang points out that the Fengtien's evacuation of Nanking was according to military plans. He declares that since the evacuation took place before the looting and killing of foreigners, the Peking Government should not be held responsible for such incidents.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Chiang's Campaign

Plans.

Shanghai, Mar. 29.
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has decided at a military conference held yesterday on plans for the next expedition against the North.

The Nationalist armies will advance through four different directions. Forces under Generals Chiang Chien and Ho Ying-ching will operate along the Tientsin-Pukow railway; forces under Generals Pai Chung-hai and Pai Wen-hwei will cross the river to clear up the Northerners in North Kiangsu; General Li Chung-yan's army will attack Pengpu and Tsukow from Anhwei; and the armies under General Tang Song-chi will march in Honan to attack Chihli.

General Feng Tai-pel's division of General Ho Ying-ching's army has crossed the river from Nanking and is advancing from Pukow along the railway line.

General Ho Yiu-tso has assumed his new appointment as Commander of the 40th Nationalist Army in Nanking.

The people in Chekiang, native province of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, have sent a telegram to the Marshal asking him to pay a visit to his native land for his fellow provincials are very anxious to see him.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

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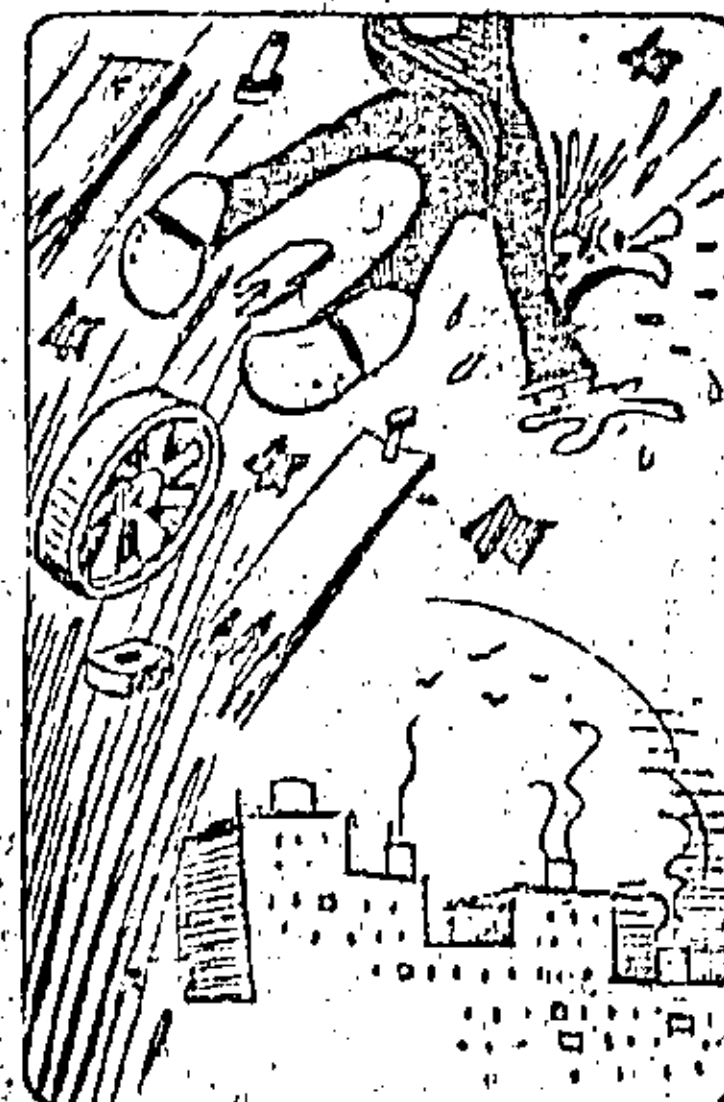
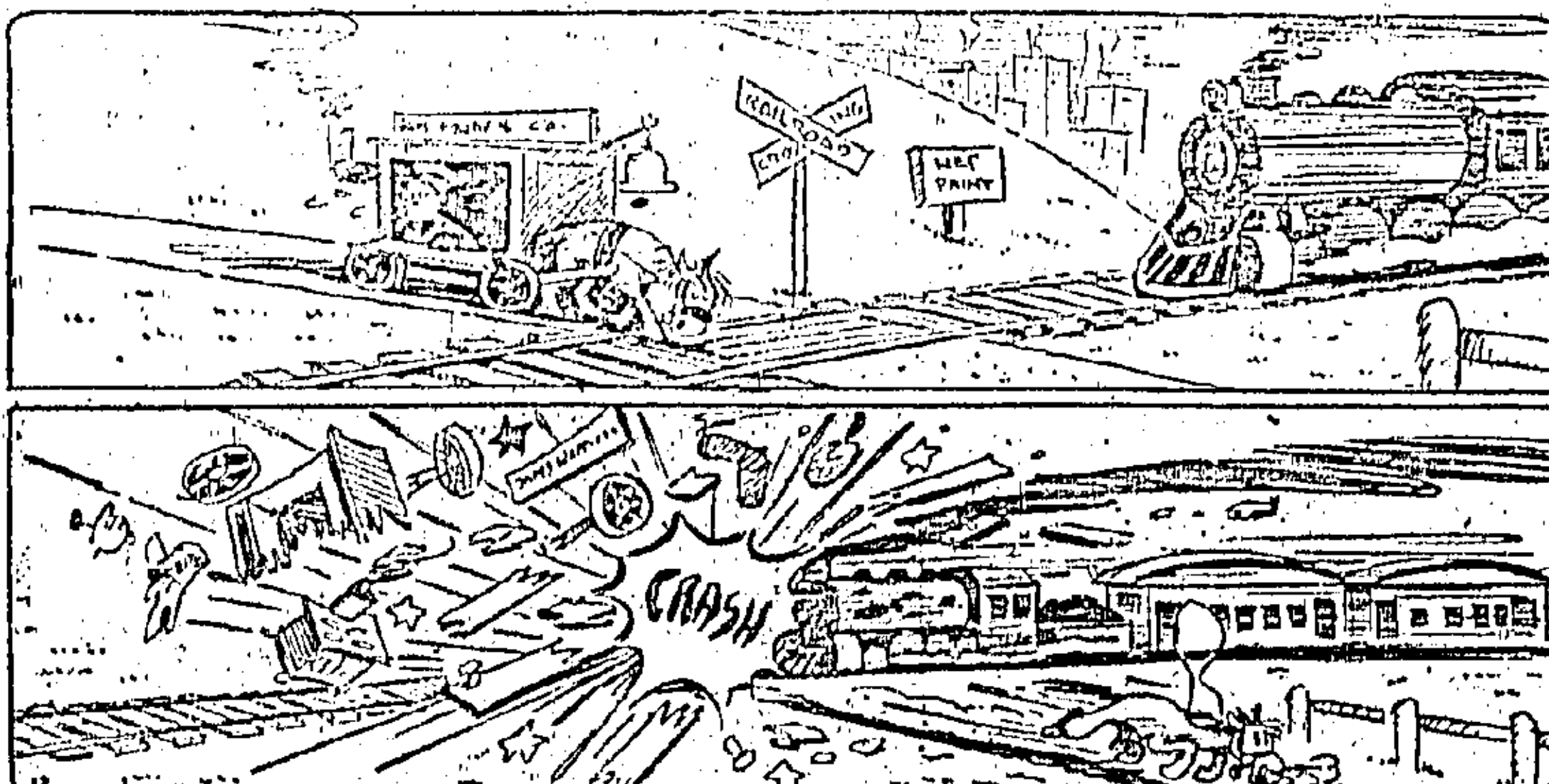
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NICARAGUA FROM THE AIR.—From the soaring airplane of Lee Mason, American aviator in the Diaz conservative army, the spectacle of the burning city of Chenandega, in revolution-torn Nicaragua, was pictured. Mason, shown in the inset, further distinguished himself on another occasion by effectively bombing the Sacasa revolutionists from his plane.



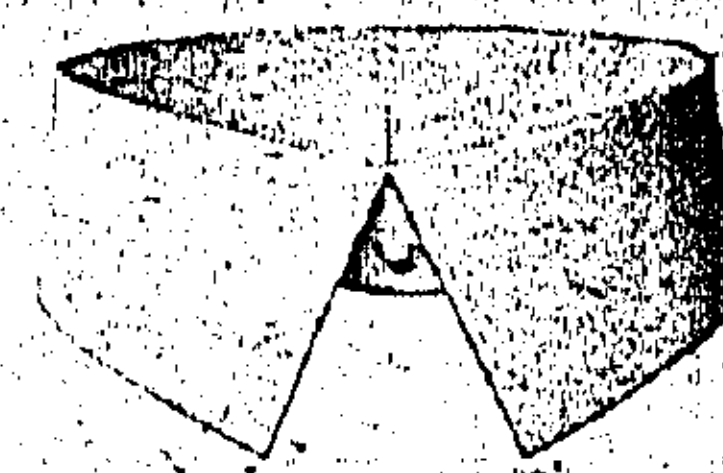
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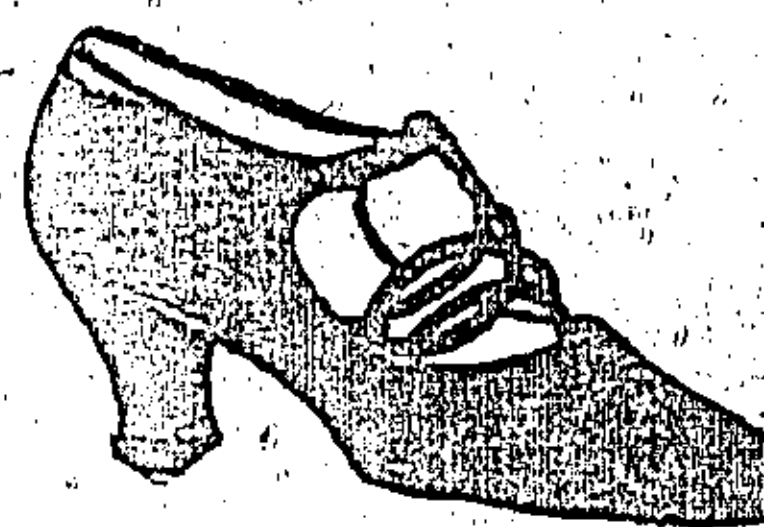
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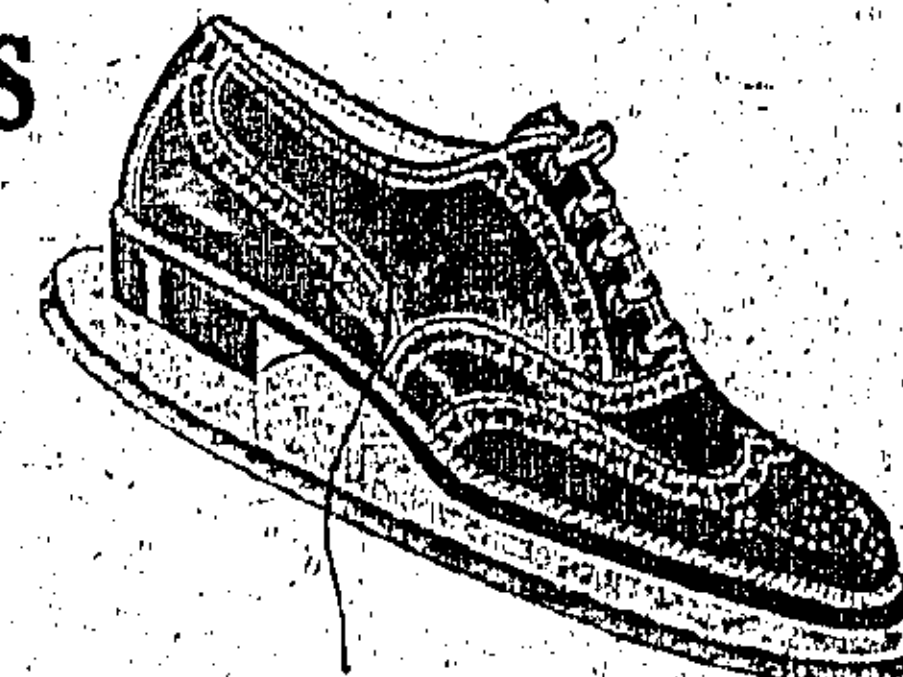
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HIN WONG,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 30th, 1927.

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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage Period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, March 29, 1927.

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Douglases, \$31 n.
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Indo-China, (Prof.) \$30 s.
Shell Trans., \$9/6 s.
Star Forries, \$53 s.
Waterboats, \$14 n.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$22 s.
Malabons, \$31 n.

Mining.

Bongnets, \$1.40 b.
Kailans, 38/- n.
Langkats, \$1.22 n.
Shai Exploration, \$1.4 n.
Shanghai Loans, \$1.7 n.
Raubs, \$4 s.
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Taxis, \$1 s.

Miscellaneous.

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Canton Lees, \$5 n.
Cements (Comb.), \$7. b.
China Lights, \$14 n.
China Prov., \$3.90 b.
Constructions, \$2.30 n.
Dairy Farms, \$154 X Div.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electric, \$50 s.
Macao Electric, \$35 n.
Ropes (Old) \$10 s.
Lane Crawfords, \$7 b.
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Sinceras, \$34 b.
United Asbestos, \$20 n.
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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 20th April, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

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NO SURRENDER OF HONGKONG.

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AGITATORS ACTIVE.

The Shanghai Situation.

London, Mar. 29.

The situation at Shanghai is reported quiet at present, although agitators show considerable activity. It is understood that French and American reinforcements are being sent.

It is stated that General Chiang Kai-shek visited the United States cruiser, Pittsburg, to-day to discuss with Admiral Williams arrangements for preserving order in the district. The Southern Chinese Admiral Li, visited Admiral Williams yesterday.—*British Wire- less.*

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

Japanese Officer Still Alive.

Shanghai, Mar. 29.

The announcement of the death of Lieutenant Kamoo Araki, mentioned last night, which was published in Shanghai yesterday morning, appears to have been premature. His condition yesterday was very grave, but he is better this morning.—*Reuter.*

[Lieut. Araki was in charge of the guard at the Japanese Consulate in Nanking during the recent outrages, but he forbore to fire on the mob of undisciplined Cantonese troops because he feared the latter would have massacred the Consular officials and their families. After shooting himself, he left a note to the effect that he was ashamed that the honour of the Japanese Navy should have been disgraced by Southern soldiers.]

CHIHLI AND ANFU PARTIES.

To Help Towards Peace.

Shanghai, Mar. 30.

The leaders of the Chihi and Anfu Parties met in a joint conference at Tientsin on Sunday to discuss the new situation. It is understood that these two Parties which are taking no active part in the present war, will offer their services in the peace movements.

Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang has wired to Marshal Wu Pei-fu that he is coming down to Loyang to welcome the latter.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

NANKING APPOINTMENT.

New Police Commissioner.

According to Chinese reports, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has appointed Wen Cheng-king as Commissioner of Police of Nanking. Wen has issued a circular telegram announcing his assumption of office and stating that he will be responsible for peace and order in Nanking city.

THE SHANTUNG ARMY.

Defence of Railway Line.

Shanghai, Mar. 30.

Admiral Pi Shou-ching arrived at Pengpu on Saturday from Tsinan and immediately upon his arrival a military conference of the Shantung Commanders was held.

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BAGDAD LINER ON ERRAND OF MERCY.

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Seven passengers had been booked for the air voyage to Bagdad, which is to be accomplished in seven days, as compared with 24 days by ordinary methods of transport.

But the airway officials were able to find room for Commander G. C. Congreve, R.N., who, on the previous night, had received news that his father, General Sir Walter Congreve, V.C., was lying dangerously ill at Malta, where he is Governor.

Chess in Mid Air.

Five women were among the seven other passengers in the saloon. They were Mrs. de Havilland, wife of Captain Geoffrey de Havilland, who designed the aeroplane; Mrs. Hinchcliffe, wife of the pilot; Mrs. Johnston, wife of Squadron-Leader Johnston; Mrs. Miles-Bailey, and Mrs. Coupland Smith.

The two latter intend to occupy themselves, when not gazing out at the panorama from the windows of the saloon, by playing games of chess. A portable table, with chessmen pegging into it, prevent their being shifted by any sudden movement, such as are aroused on railway journeys, has been provided for the players.

Mrs. Miles-Bailey and Mrs. Coupland Smith intend to use aeroplanes as far as possible on their return journey from Bagdad to London. They will fly to Cairo, cross the Mediterranean in a steamer to Marseilles, and then fly on to London by an aeroplane service which operates via Paris.

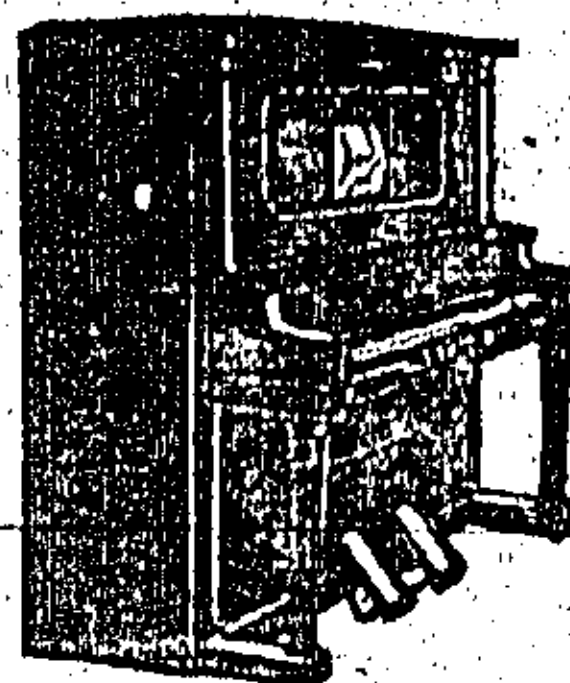
Although the Covent Garden Opera season will not open for two months, subscriptions to all parts of the house equal or exceed the total for last year.

The Conference decided that the entire effort of the Shantung Army should be devoted to defending the Tientsin-Pukow Railway line. Forty thousand troops under the command of General Hsu should, in the opinion of the Conference, be sent to attack Anhui, 30,000 men under the command of General Hsu Yuan-chuan should be sent to attack Linhai, General Wang Tung should be ordered to make a counter-attack on Pukow and the forces of the Sun Chuan-fang Army should be ordered to guard the northern part of Kiangsu, whilst General Chu Yu-poh should remain in Pengpu and Pi Shou-ching in Hsuechow to direct operations, at these points.

The Nationalists under General Li Chung-yan are making an attack on Tsinan, from which point they expect to attack Pengpu.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Later in his speech, the Chairman said:—I should now like to say a few words about the Tariff Conference. As you all know it ended in a fiasco. There is no time to go into why and wherefore now. Sufficient it is to say that the tariff did not lie with the foreign delegates, least of all the British, all of whom were genuinely anxious that there should be tangible results. During the conference your Committee was always at the service of the British delegation and I think I may say that we were of real assistance. As you know, innumerable meetings of Sub-Committees were held on matters of a technical nature, and both Mr. K. D. Stewart and Mr. A. Brooke-Smith when addressing your Committee spoke of the excellent work done by your Chamber's Sub-Committees to whom you will no doubt desire me to express your thanks. Despite the fact that no decision was arrived at, the Cantonese put into force a sur-tax of 2 per cent. and were followed by the Shantung Authorities, and later by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang. Whilst the methods adopted were arbitrary, the surtax was levied at the same rate as was agreed upon in the Washington Treaty to which Great Britain was a signatory and it was decided therefore not to protest against the imposition of these taxes in Shanghai and the North. It was thought that such protests would have little or no effect, and in view of the fact that the Cantonese had been successful in imposing the surtax with very little opposition, we laid ourselves open to an accusation by the Northerners of showing partiality to their adversaries in the South.

The Peking Government is now engaged on a revision of the Tariff the conference on which is sitting in Shanghai. The

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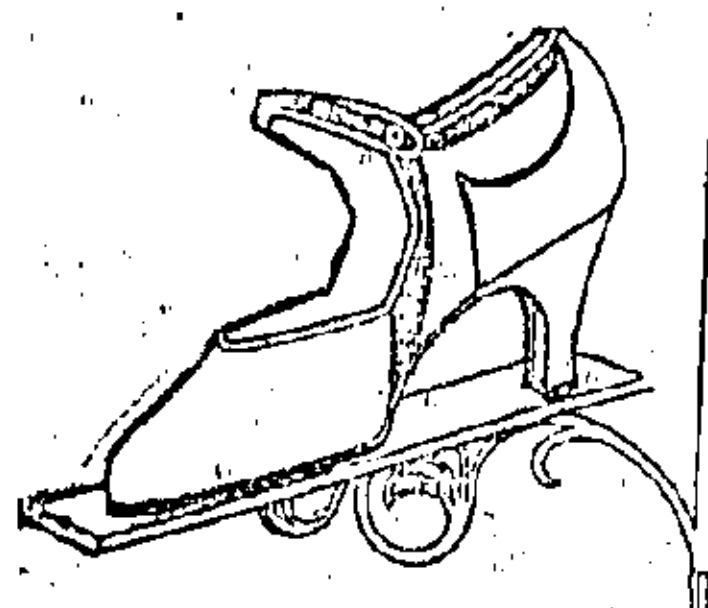
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HEROIN CASE.

ACQUITTAL ON ONE CHARGE.

The case in which G. Stanigross and Mrs. H. B. Kamlon are charged with possessing and importing into the Colony 580 tacs of heroin was again heard yesterday afternoon.

Before continuing, Mr. White Smith for the prosecution informed his Worship that he did not wish to ask his Worship, if the charges are proved against the defendants, to commit them to the Criminal Sessions. If his friends, Mr. Vaux and Mr. d'Almada (for the defendants) had no objection, he would prefer to have the case dealt with summarily.

A further charge of assisting in the smuggling of drugs to China or elsewhere was preferred against the first defendant.

S.R.O. Goo, Watt was cross-examined by Mr. F. G. Vaux. He said that the hat and coat found in the trunk where the heroin was concealed appeared to be new. The defendants seem to know very little English, especially the woman. The man was able to make short sentences such as "These are mine."

In answer to Mr. d'Almada, witness said that the second defendant when approached did not seem to be hiding anything. She said the keys were with a "first-class gentleman," and in the baggage room she frankly admitted that the trunk was hers.

A Clever Contrivance.

Asked if the false back was a clever contrivance, witness said he could not say. Pressed for an answer, he said, "Well, I have seen cleverer."

Mr. d'Almada: This was a clever one then?—Yes, it was clever.

Without any suspicion or information, anybody opening that trunk would not know that there was a secret compartment there?—Probably not.

Witness also stated that the lady did not resist arrest and did not hinder the searching officers on the boat, but she could not assist them as she could not speak English.

Mr. Korensky, Russian Interpreter at the Central Police Station, then read the statements made by the defendants when charged.

The statement in English of the first defendant in answer to the charge of possession read:—"The box was addressed for Kobe and not for Hongkong and Mrs. Kamlon and myself had tickets for Kobe. This charge is wrong because I have no business in Hongkong and don't want to have."

A Messenger.

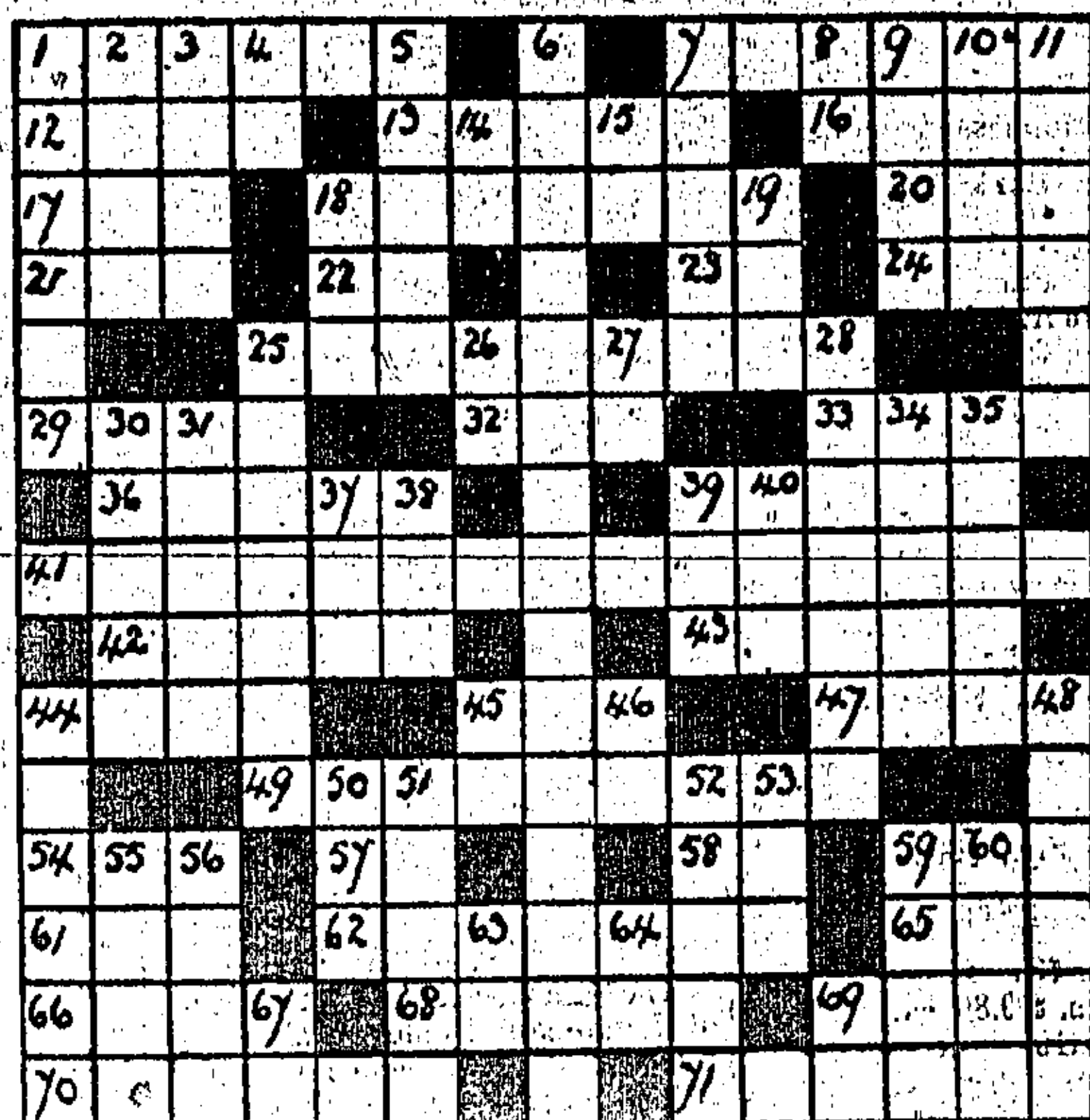
The second defendant's statement to the same charge read:—"I travelled from Marseilles to Kobe as 'messenger' only, for which I was to get £50. At Marseilles the box was delivered by Cook's to a Japanese, on behalf of Stanigross, who said to me that the box would be taken at Kobe without my assistance."

In answer to the charge of importing the drug into the Colony, the first defendant stated at the police station:—"This charge is without foundation because I was detained at that moment when the Atsuta Maru left the Wharf en route for Kobe. The box was addressed to Kobe and I had no right to receive it here."

In answer to the same charge the second defendant stated:—"I had no intention to discharge this box in Hongkong. It was in the baggage room and the key was with the steward."

Mr. Vaux then addressed the court on behalf of first defendant. He quoted from many authorities to show that the possession of the key did not make the first defendant the possessor of the trunk which at the time of his arrest

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 Ornamental plant.
- 7 Structures.
- 12 Departed.
- 13 Scene in an opera.
- 16 Pastry.
- 17 High temperature.
- 18 Having spikes.
- 20 Branch of the navy (abb.).
- 21 Beverage.
- 22 East India (abb.).
- 23 Trill (Music Abb.).
- 24 Fifth sign of the Zodiac.
- 25 Consisting of ten years.
- 26 Emperor of Russia.
- 32 One indefinitely.
- 33 Indigo Plant.
- 38 Wander stealthily.
- 39 Point in a planet's orbit.
- 41 Calmly.
- 42 Inclosed with a rope.
- 43 Pilgrims cloak.
- 44 Valley.
- 45 Distinguished Service Order (abb.).
- 47 Used in sea fishing.
- 49 Stating.
- 54 Cry of a sheep.
- 57 Be gone!
- 58 National Insurance.
- 59 War distinction.
- 61 Whole.
- 62 Icy.
- 65 Be ill.
- 66 Gather when ripe.
- 68 Sea.
- 69 Incite.
- 70 Oration.
- 71 Disburse.

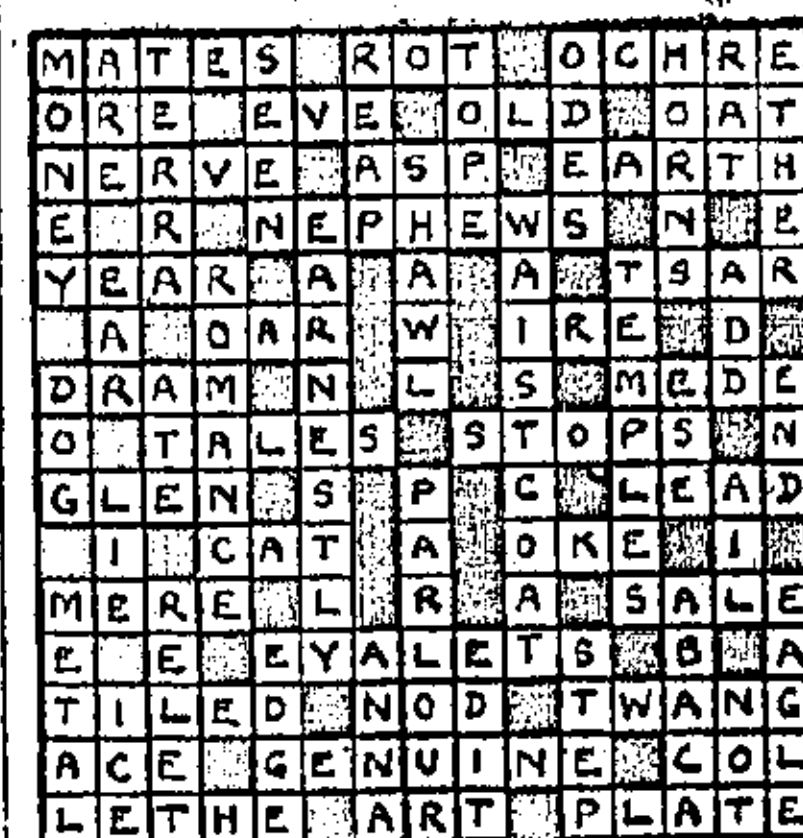
Down.

- 1 Struck with amazement.
- 2 Indifferent.
- 3 Before (Prefix).
- 4 Civil Engineer (Abb.).
- 5 Consisting of meat jelly etc.
- 6 Preliminary surveys.
- 7 Chronological register of events.
- 8 With direction towards.
- 9 Rich calcareous earth.
- 10 Eagle.
- 11 Quiet walk.
- 14 Order of the Crown of India (Abb.).

Negative.

- 15 Negative.
- 18 Perceive.
- 19 Period.
- 25 Fell.
- 26 Each (Abb.).
- 27 New York.
- 28 Durable.
- 30 Steeply.
- 31 Malicious burning of a building.
- 34 Sister's or brother's daughter.
- 35 Small island.
- 37 Sorrow (Scotch).
- 38 Pounds, shillings and pence.
- 39 Collection of savings.
- 40 Knave of clubs in the game Loo.
- 44 Prevents.
- 45 Deputy lieutenant.
- 46 Correlative of either.
- 48 Wearing a stole.
- 50 Article of food.
- 51 Punctuation mark.
- 52 Worthless.
- 53 Nothing.
- 55 On the lee side of a vessel.
- 56 Pertaining to wings.
- 59 Venture.
- 60 Symbol.
- 62 Period of time.
- 64 American State (Abb.).
- 67 Postmaster.
- 69 Aloft.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



was in the baggage room under the baggage master's charge and registered as belonging to another person.

He said the box went from Genoa to Marseilles and then came to Hongkong. On its entry into Hongkong it was not in the possession of the first defendant and he asked at what stage of the box's journey or stay in the Colony it could have gone into the possession of the first defendant. He admitted that the first defendant had the keys, but that did not mean he possessed the box, as the baggage master would certainly not have given him possession of the box if he merely produced the key.

Final Destination.

In regard to the charge of importing, Mr. Vaux went on to say that when the ship touched the boundary of this Colony the contraband was not in the possession of the first defendant. There was no evidence shown by the prosecution that the first defendant had caused the drug to be shipped into the Colony or to any other destination. He could find nothing on which his Worship could con-

vict the first defendant upon bringing the drug into the Colony.

On the charge which was added to the others that afternoon, Mr. Vaux said that the bringing on board of belts and undershirts did not show that the male defendant intended to assist to get the trunk to Kobe. How could the bringing on board of such articles help the forwarding of the trunk to Kobe? It might be argued that these articles could help to bring the drug ashore, but that would merely be going on an inference and not on evidence. There was evidence to show that the trunk was going to Kobe, but there was no evidence to show that the final destination of the drug was Kobe.

A Query.

Mr. d'Almada said that he would address the court after Mr. White Smith had replied to his friend. His Worship consented.

Mr. White Smith said that defendant came into possession of the drug when he got the keys, the presence of his hat and coat in the box clearly showed he knew the contents.

His Worship interrupted with, "Supposing my wife comes out

from home and I wrote and asked her to bring out a new suit of clothes for me, do you mean to say I came into possession if I went on board to meet her?"

Mr. White Smith said he did not mean that, but he was prepared to show that the first defendant had knowledge that the heroin was on board in the trunk. There was certainly evidence, of joint possession.

In regard to the charge of importing, Mr. White Smith said that having caused the drug to be sent through Hongkong, there was a case against the first defendant for importing.

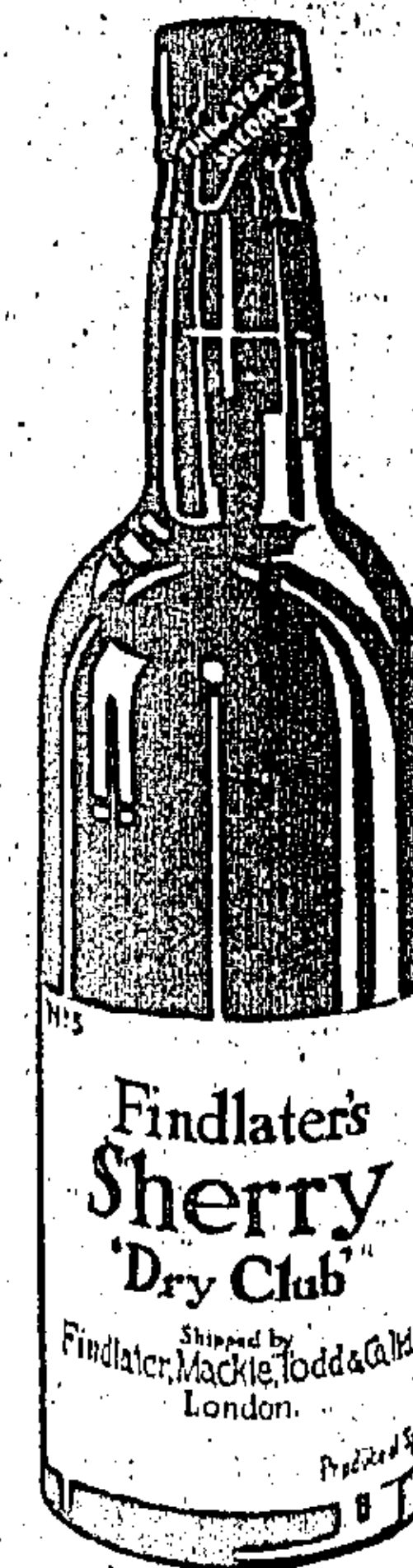
Mr. Lindsell held, however, that it was equally compatible that the woman brought the drug out and informed the first defendant by letter that the drug was on board. There was no evidence to show that he arranged for the drug to come here. He discharged the first defendant on that count. The case was adjourned until 11 a.m. to-morrow.

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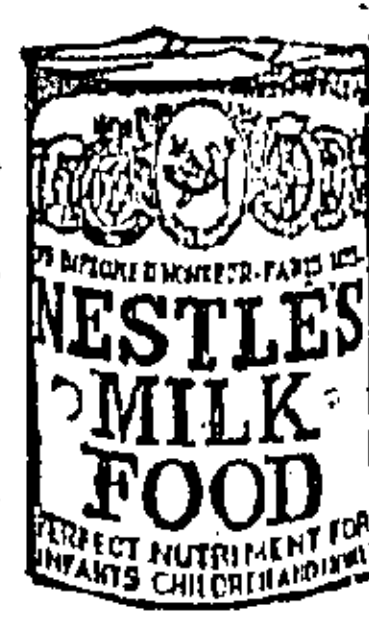
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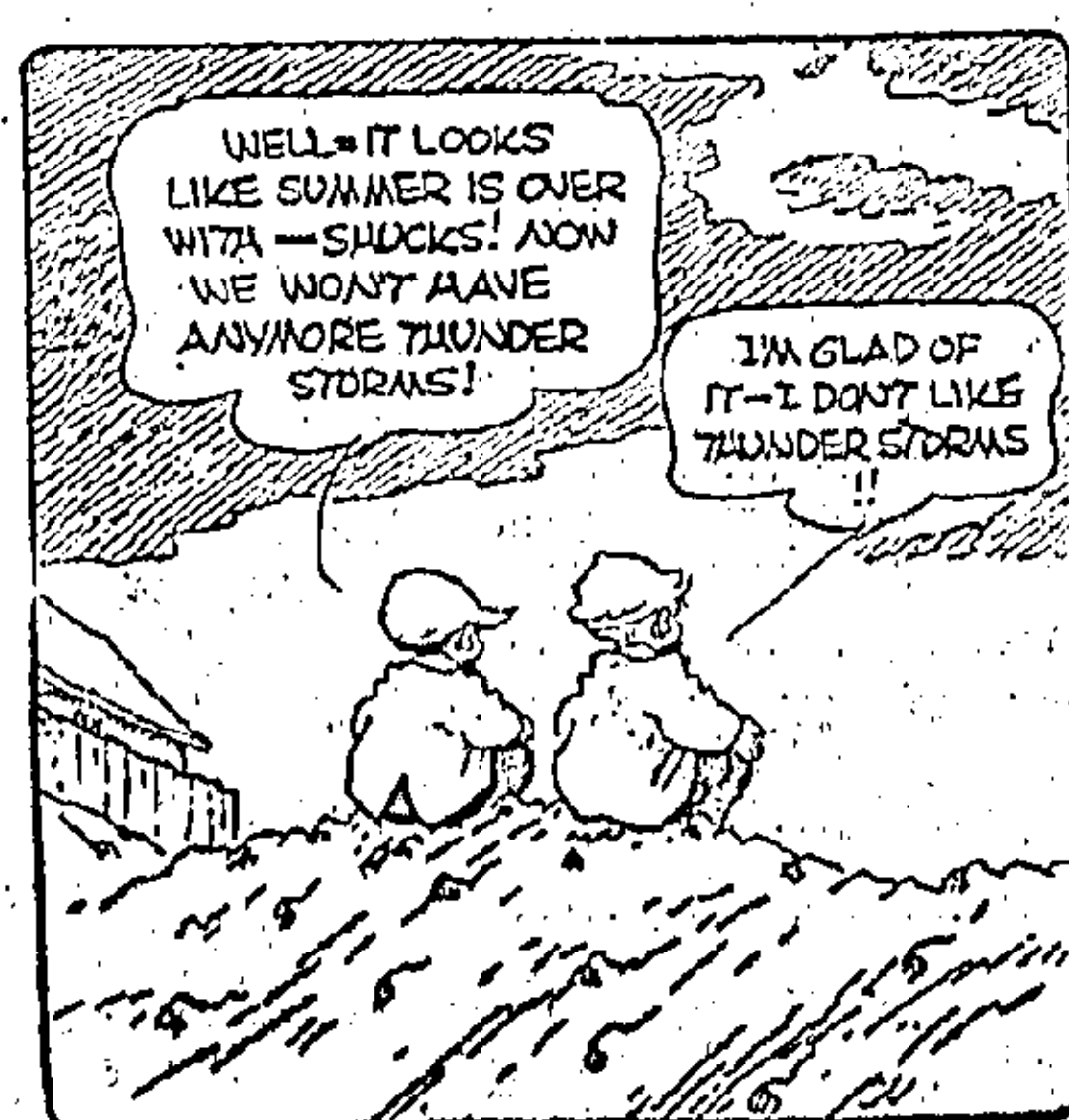


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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1927.

THE POWER TO RULE.

The extension of Nationalist
rule in China is, we observe, made
the subject of comment by the
Manchester Guardian, and the fact
that about a half of the country
is now under the nominal authority
of the Southerners is viewed by
that journal as "in a sense" clear-
ing the way for a settlement with
a single effective Government.
The use of the qualifying phrase
is thoroughly justified; indeed,
the further comment of the
Guardian to a large extent nullifies
its opening contention. It is
certainly true that the manner in
which the Nationalists have gained
further control makes negotia-
tion even more difficult than be-
fore, and we cannot bring our-
selves to see that there is yet the
least prospect of a settlement
with any effective Government.

It is all very well for the
Nationalists to claim to be able to
assume responsibility for the
maintenance of order in the terri-
tory coming within their jurisdic-
tion, but, as even the *Guardian*
points out, something more than
a mere declaration is required—
there must be evidence of their
capacity to enforce it. And that
is precisely what is lacking in the
situation to-day. We have heard
a great deal in recent times con-
cerning the national aspirations
of the Chinese people, but if the
facts were keenly scrutinised we
should find that, on the basis put
forward by the Nationalists, these
aspirations are not very widely
diffused. Apart from a handful
of more or less Westernised
politicians, the movement rests
largely on the activities of imma-
ture students and professional
agitators. Under the direction of
Soviet propagandists, these noisy
extremists have, under the name
of democracy and nationalism,
started and kept alive a revolu-
tionary movement, the advocates
of which are prepared to listen
to no reason. Their policy is one
of repudiation and denunciation.
The great bulk of the Chinese
people have no real, live interest
in politics, but the ignorant and
the gullible are drawn into the
anti-foreign campaign which is so
closely interlocked with the politi-
cal movement set going by the
Nationalists. If we look at the
situation from this standpoint, it
does not become difficult to realise
how the mobs have got out of
hand and how undisciplined troops
have been guilty of such excesses
against foreigners as have been

reported within the recent past.
But the main fact which emerges
from these developments is that
the so-called Nationalists have set
in motion forces and influences
which, however much they may
desire to, they are quite unable to
control. It is this circumstance
which makes us doubt the possi-
bility of reaching an agreement
with the Nationalists as a single
and effective authority.

The presumption is drawn by
the *Guardian* that there may be
some demand by the Nationalists
for the withdrawal of British
troops as a preliminary to any
further negotiations. If that
turns out to be the case, there
can only be one answer given—
the same as was given when a like
demand was put forward during
the Hankow conversations; name-
ly, that Britain must reserve to
herself the right as to when and
where she shall dispose of her armed
forces. With conditions as they
are in China to-day, the presence
of British naval and military men
is absolutely essential for the pro-
tection of life and property. And
it is certain that these forces will
remain on the spot until there is
prevalent a far greater feeling of
security than can exist at the pre-
sent juncture.

A Thorny Problem.

That the question of disarmament
is a thorny one is proved by
the fact that Viscount Cecil, who
presented a draft Convention on
the matter to the Preparatory
Commission of the Disarmament
Conference, has failed to convince
either France, Belgium or Japan
that his plan for the limitation
of land forces is a workable one.
We do not know precisely what
was Lord Cecil's plan, but we do
know that it advocated the limita-
tion of numbers and the limitation
of the period of service. In the
case of countries where every
man is called upon to do so much
military service there has been
objection on the ground that it
would be most difficult to change
the present military system. The
French and Belgian delegates have
stated that it is not possible to
limit numbers because the annual
contingent liable for conscript
service cannot be reduced and
that the introduction of a ballot
system was unthinkable. There
were many other objections raised,
to all of which Lord Cecil replied
that if there could be no limita-
tion of present numbers there
was no possible use in continuing
a discussion on methods of limita-
tion—a statement which seems
to be rather incontrovertible.
There was little else to be done
than make a complete withdrawal
of the draft, although in doing so
Britain's chief spokesman on the
Commission stuck to his opinion by
saying that he was convinced that
his opinion was the right one. The
difficulties of coming to any
agreement relative to the limita-
tion of land forces are going to
be very great, apparently, if there
is any idea of restricting the
size of land forces smaller than
now, and one imagines that that
is the main idea behind the Disarmament
Conference. If the mem-
bers are only going to justify
maintaining their land forces at
the present strength, it can scarcely
be hoped to be a disarmament move.
It might be a valuable achieve-
ment to limit land forces to their
present strength, but that is some-
thing lower than what Britain
and its great leader in this matter
(Lord Cecil) were hoping for.

GOING HOME.

WELL-KNOWN RESIDENTS
LEAVING.

The Empress of Canada will
carry a large number of Hongkong
residents when she leaves this
evening. Amongst these is Mr. G.
M. Young, of Messrs. Butterfield
and Swire, who has been with this
firm for about 30 years in Hong-
kong and who is well-known in all
circles, being past Chairman of the
Hongkong Club and past
President of the St. Andrew's
Society.

Others going Home on leave
include Mr. John Arnold, Secre-
tary of the Steamboat Company;
Mr. G. E. Towns, of the Hongkong
and Shanghai Bank; Mr. C.
Bulmer Johnson, and Capt. T. T.
Laurenson, D.S.C.

Mr. Allan Cameron, Oriental
Manager of the C.P.S., is going
to Yokohama by the same boat,
whilst Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Monaghan
are proceeding to Canada,
and Mr. P. W. Massey, of Reles,
Massey and Co., leaves for
Shanghai.

DAY BY DAY.

IN DIFFICULTY A SILENT TONGUE
AND A COOL HEAD ARE USUALLY
MAN'S BEST WEAPONS.—*Katherine*
Thurston.

The s.s. Paul Leat from Shang-
hai reports two cases of mumps
on board.

Yesterday's health return shows
two cases of small-pox and one of
typhoid. All were Chinese.

The s.s. Empress of Asia, which
left Hongkong on March 9th, ar-
rived at Vancouver on the 27th inst.

The weather forecast up till
noon to-morrow is: North-east
winds, moderate; general overcast,
occasional rain.

The British vessel *Telemachus*,
from Singapore, brought 47 male
and one female deportees, in
charge of 16 Indian guards.

A taxi-cab caught fire yester-
day afternoon, while going along
Garden Road. The outbreak was
quickly extinguished with sand,
and little damage was caused to
the vehicle.

The forthcoming wedding is an-
nounced of Mr. Cedric Arthur
Lacy Rickett, residing at No. 1A,
Chatham Path, May Road, to Miss
Aline Beatrice Cox, of Fulmar
House, Farthing, England.

Passengers arriving here by the
s.s. St. Albans from Japanese ports
were Mr. R. L. Stewart, Miss W.
Fonder, Miss C. Matheson, Mr. F.
Eberhardt, Mr. T. P. O'Brien and
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ogilvie.

Mr. E. Vichy, living at No. 12,
Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon, has
reported to the police the theft
of \$45 in notes, from his room.
The drawer in which the money
was kept was found to have been
broken open, yesterday morning.

Public vaccination is to be per-
formed near the Peak Hotel en-
trance on Sunday, April 3rd, from
2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Residents are
invited to send their Chinese ser-
vants, who wish to be vaccinated.
No fees are charged or may be
accepted.

According to Harbour Office
reports, for the twenty-four hours
ending at 9 o'clock this morning,
the total number of arrivals was
19 and departures 16, the British
figures being four and six respec-
tively. The total number of ves-
sels in harbour now is 71.

A former employee of the Kow-
loon Hospital was charged before
Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning, with
larceny of two blankets, the prop-
erty of the Hospital. Defendant
pleaded guilty and was fined \$50,
or one month's hard labour.

Arrested in connexion with the
armed robbery committed at No.
241, Portland Street on Sunday,
a Chinese rattle worker was
charged before Mr. W. Schofield,
at the Kowloon Magistracy this
morning, with complicity. He
was remanded for one week.

The engagement is announced
between Cyril H. Pearson, only
son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pearson,
of 85, Addiscombe Road, Croydon,
and Phyllis, elder daughter of the
late Captain F. D. Goddard, of
Hongkong (Messrs. Goddard and
Douglas) and Mrs. Goddard, 20,
Foxley Lane, Purley.

A rescue from one of the Yau-
mat Ferry launches was effected
yesterday, when a member of the
crew jumped into the water and
brought out a Chinese male pas-
senger who had attempted sui-
cide. On the arrival of the
launch at the Puiya, the man was
removed to the Government Civil
Hospital.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 29.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.95
Berlin	20.47
Copenhagen	18.21
Helsingfors	152.2
Lisbon	217.02
Buenos Aires	270.1/10
Hongkong	4.85/23/32
New York	12.14/4
Amsterdam	15.13
Stockholm	15.34
Prague	26.88/4
Madrid	26.88/4
Bucharest	710
Bombay	11/6
Yokohama	2/0/5/18
Canton	25.24
Manila	100/4
Orto	18.63/4
Vienna	34.52/4
Athens	37/5/2
Rio	5/4
Shanghai	2/5/4/10
Silver (spot)	25/4
Silver (forward)	25/9/1

—*British Wireless.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

PEAK TRAM FARES.

[To the Editor, *Hongkong*
Telegraph.]

Sir,—It apparently needed a
33 per cent. increase in the Peak
Tram fares to wake up the public
to criticism of Peak Tram matters.
For quite a spell these new fares
have been running and have not
proved a satisfactory public means
of conveyance. It is surprising
that the Tram Company has placed
these cars on the run, as they have
proved that they do not fulfil the
required conditions. It would not
have caused an expert engineer the
slightest ruck of his brain to
work out the necessary exact cal-
culations with regard to capacity
of the machinery, weight of the
car, cable and passengers, as well
as the bearing capacity of the road
bed and the strength of the brakes;
in fact, these items can be figured
out to a fractional part. The mis-
calculations committed have un-
doubtedly lessened the public's con-
fidence in the technical manage-
ment of the Peak Tramways Co.

Neither is the arrangement of
the interior of the cars satisfactory.
The seats are much too narrow and
so is the passage between the seats,
the floor of the car is slippery and
ought to be provided with better
cross steps whilst the two exit
doors are absurdly narrow and im-
practically constructed.

I wonder whether the Peak
Tramways Co. will claim the new
cars as being an improvement to
the service and one of the reasons
for the 33 per cent. increase in the
fares? Or, maybe the costly con-
struction of that marvellous archi-
tectural monster, the May Road
Station, has ruined the poor
shareholders to such an extent that
an increase in the fares is justified?
—Yours, etc.,
MID-LEVEL.
Hongkong, Mar. 29th, 1927.

Sir,—I had hoped that the Peak
Tramway Company's announce-
ment of the increased charge for
season tickets would have in-
voked such a storm of protest, from
more able pens than mine, that a
contribution to your columns on
my part would have been unneces-
sary. Unfortunately it would ap-
pear that, with their usual spirit
of *laissez faire*, the Hongkong re-
sidents concerned are content to
do nothing and such bodies as
the Peak Residents' Association,
whom one would expect to take
some steps to protect the interests
of their members, seem content
to maintain an attitude of master-
ly inactivity.

In the Peak Tramway Company
we have a Company who admit to
a considerable increase in traffic
by constructing, or attempting to
construct, larger cars and who have
presumably also effected a con-
siderable economy by instal-
ling an electric motor in place
of the old steam engine. Yet, in spite of a larger
turnover and reduced running
cost, the unfortunate season-tick-
et holder is to be saddled with a
33.1/3 per cent. increase in the
cost of his ticket!

It is difficult to imagine a simi-
lar public utility company in any
town or borough at home intro-
ducing an increase in fares on
this scale without investigation by
the local authorities, and it is un-
fortunate that the Government,
which exercises such a kindly in-
terest in the "braking power" of
the Peak tram, does not extend
its activities to the prevention of
the new rates to be put into force.
It may be, of course, that with the
introduction of the new, commodi-
ous and luxurious cars a large-
ly increased staff of engineers,
conductors and inspectors are re-
quired, but if there is any real
justification for the increased
rates the travelling public are
surely entitled to some statement
as to the reason for the increase.
The Company's revenue, as a
result of the increase in traffic,
must be considerably larger than
two or three years ago, but even
if circumstances do warrant an
increase in fares, it is past under-
standing why the burden should
be borne by the season-ticket
holder instead of the "casual"
traveller. The number of eight-
hours and travellers on pleasure
trips, who use the tram daily, must
be considerable, and it is surely
only equitable that such travellers
should provide any increased re-
venue required, in preference to
the regular ticket-holders. An in-
crease of 33.1/3 per cent. on a
Peak tram fare is nothing to the
round-the-world tourist, but an ad-
ditional \$36 per annum is a defi-
nite consideration for the average
season-ticket holder.

Enclosing my card—Yours, etc.,
H. E. LE-N. SIDE.

Hongkong, March 30th, 1927.

Croydon Licensing justices, by a
majority, granted an application
for a new hotel at Croydon Aero-
drome.

The Very Idea!

A specialist had been listening
patiently to a lady caller for some
minutes, but at last he said, polit-
ely looking at his watch with visible
impatience, "Pardon me, madam,
but my time is not my own. You
have given me all your symptoms
in sufficient detail, and now per-
haps you will kindly—er—ah—"
"Look here, Jane," interrupted
her husband, "he doesn't want to
hear your tongue; he wants to look
at it!"

"Stand on your feet," his
father said.
"Then you'll have naught to
lose."
And that's just what the young
man did.
Because he had no shoes.

Two replicas of the boxes on the
table of the British House of Com-
mons are to be dispatched to Aus-
tralia as a present from the King
to the Commonwealth Parliament.
The replicas, which are fashion-
ed of rosewood lined with green
leather and ornately bound with
oxidised silver, are such faithful
copies that they reproduce the
marks made on the original by long
continued use, including the famous
oratorical thumpings by Mr. Glad-
stone when engaged in some of his
impassioned speeches on famous
occasions.

The boxes will be placed on the
table of the new Parliament House
at Canberra, and the Duke of York
will make the presentation on be-
half of the King.

For a breach of the Shops Act
at West Hartlepool, Sarah Phillips,
of Belk Street, was fined 5s.
It was stated the defendant sold a tin
of condensed milk on the evening
of a Wednesday, which is the day
fixed by the Corporation for shops
to close at one o'clock. The defend-
ant said her shop was open
all afternoon, because such perish-
able goods as bread and confection-
ery did not come within the
provisions of the Act. The Magis-
trates' Clerk (Mr. J. H. Smith)—
She could have sold new milk, but
not condensed milk; it is farcical.

A schoolgirl paraphrased the line
"To bicker down the valley,"
from Tennyson's poem, "The
Brook," as follows: "To have an
undignified quarrel in a low place
among the hills."

Another girl, given the line
from "Lochinvar," "He stayed not
for broke," paraphrased it: "He
never stopped for a mechanical con-
trivance to reduce speed by means
of friction."

Don't enjoy not enjoying what
the average man has enjoyed.—Dr.
W. H. Moberly.

It would be a misfortune if the
large family entirely ceased to
exist.—Sir Thomas Horder.

I have been asserting for twenty
years that the twelve finest novels
are all Russian.—Mr. Arnold Ben-
nett.

By the dexterity of theological
casuists innocent formulas can be
misinterpreted.—The Bishop of
Birmingham.

We are all more or less rheuma-
tic after forty, aren't we?—Mr.
Justice Horridge.

In my opinion broadcasting was
going to be, of the greatest help
one can imagine.—Sir Hamilton
Harty.

The eighteenth century was not
exclusively inhabited by geniuses.
—Mr. Nigel Playfair.

A deputation which stated that
it was representative of bookmakers
in Dublin attended at the Queen's
Theatre to protest to the manager
against an illusionist, named
Trinacres Sunita, who is attracting
large audiences to the theatre this
week, carrying out her announced
intention of forecasting the winners
of the Lincolnshire Handicap and
Grand National Steeplechase. The
manager of the theatre was told
that any tips offered in the manner
indicated would seriously affect
market prices of the horses named.
Princess Sunita's manager was also
warned by the deputation with
the same object.

There was an unmistakable sneer
on the face of the new boarder as
he sniffed at the contents of his
coffee-cup and set it down.
"Well," asked the landlady in a
peevish tone, "have you anything
to say against the coffee?"
"Not a word," he answered. "I
never speak ill of the absent!"

"Was your trip to Egypt a
success?"

"I'll say it was. Seeing the
 Sphinx gave me an idea for a
slogan that'll increase our busi-
ness at least 40 per cent. next
year."

Derbyshire reveller: I am not
a strict drunkard; I drink only in
drops.

Sir Frederick Lugard, who was
Governor and Commander-in-Chief
of Hongkong 1907-1912, has been
seriously ill at his home, Little
Parkhurst, Abinger Common. His
condition was slightly better in
mail week.

PUBLIC MONEY.

MANY VOTES FOR TO-MORROW.

COST OF TAIPO BRIDGE.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Finance Committee will have for its consideration the following votes, which are set out and explained in a Message to the Committee circulated to-day:

Rent Allowances.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Services, the sum of \$2,608 is asked for as rent allowances for Asiatic subordinate officers. It is explained that "there are now more officers drawing rent allowances and in a number of cases an increase in rents following the removal of restriction led to officers claiming increased allowances within the rules. The above is to be met from savings."

Home Passages.

The additional sum of \$15,458 is asked for to defray the cost of the transport of Government servants. It is stated that "it is very difficult to get an accurate estimate of the sum required for this service and the fall in exchange during the latter part of the year has considerably increased the cost. The above is to be met from savings."

Newspapers.

The sum of \$442 is asked for on account of the purchase of newspapers and periodicals and it is stated that "the Supplementary Vote taken previously has proved insufficient. A large part of this expenditure is incurred in England and the low exchange at the end of the year contributed to some extent in causing the excess. The above is to be met from savings."

Feeding Dogs.

An extra \$33 is asked for by the Sanitary Department, and it is explained that "it was impossible accurately to forecast the number of dogs under observation for Rabies, for which food would have to be supplied. The supplementary provision made in item 142 message No. 8 proved deficient by \$32.27 and a vote for \$33 is accordingly requested."

Fire Brigade.

Under the heading of Fire Brigade, \$55 is asked for as "incidental expenses" and it is stated that "this vote is due to expenses incurred by the Crown Agents in enlisting four Sub-Officers for the Fire Brigade. The expenses are for railway fares and medical inspection and were inadequately provided for."

Despatch Bags.

The sum of \$22 is wanted by the Colonial Secretary's Office as incidental expenses arising out of the provision of new despatch bags. "Towards the end of 1926 it was found necessary to provide new despatch bags for the circulation of Executive Council and other papers. It was expected that the cost of the new pouches could be met from 'Incidentals' without causing an excess on the vote but it has been found that there is an over expenditure of \$21.34, and a supplementary vote of \$22, is accordingly requested."

Defective Detonators.

The Harbour Master's Department requires \$404 for pay for detonators, and it is explained that "a number of fog signal detonators were unfortunately found to be defective when brought up for use during the 1926 fog season and a further supply to replace them had to be ordered from the Crown Agents. The cost viz. \$2,537.11 has resulted in an expenditure of \$403.64 in excess of the amount voted and a supplementary vote is asked for. (C.S.O. 8 in 63/27). The above is to be met from savings."

Motor Refuse Lorry.

In explaining a request for \$1,306 as special expenditure by the Sanitary Department, it is stated that "the original vote of \$7,500 was for a 1½ ton lorry and in the Supplementary Vote Finance Committee approved additional supply of \$1,000, the estimated amount required to purchase a 3-ton lorry instead. This estimate proved too small by \$174 while the fact that the whole amount was based on exchange at 2/2 whereas payment to Crown Agents has to be made at 1/11 calls for a further \$1,131.43. A vote of \$1,306 is accordingly requested."

Volunteer Officers' Pay.

In asking for \$263 on account of the Volunteer Defence Corps, it is explained that "no provision for the pay and allowances to Volunteers was made in the 1927 Estimates as the Ordinance No. 15 of 1926 had not been passed. By the above mentioned Ordinance

STAR THEATRE.

APACHE IN FILM.

A real Parisian Apache from the Montmartre district has a role in "The Beautiful Cheat," a Universal Jewel starring Laura La Plante, which is now playing at the Star Theatre, Kowloon.

In the picture he plays the part of an Apache and, as would be expected, gives a portrayal of himself, which does not at all belie the motion picture character of the Apache.

The Apache is named Louis Mercier, and had a colourful career before he came to Hollywood recently to enter the movies. When the War broke out he was among the first to join the French Chasseurs or "Blue Devils." Under fire in the trenches, he was wounded, recovered and was wounded again, repeating the process seven times before the War ended and gathering, as a result of his great daring, eleven decorations for valour under fire.

The story of the picture is about the movies—a little shop girl who rises to stardom and her press agent who aids materially by staging holdups and other newspaper space gaining stunts.

The Governor in Council has power to decide whether pay shall be granted. It has now been decided that pay for camps shall be granted and a supplementary vote for \$263 is accordingly requested, which will complete payment for the camp in November last and the Artillery Camp in January.

Cost of Executions.

The Prison Department has asked for a further \$500 to defray the cost of executions this year. A sum of \$200 was originally provided and, in asking for \$500 more, it is explained that the number of executions this year has been exceptional.

Gratuity to Widow.

The sum of \$1,050 is asked for under the heading of Charitable Services, as a gratuity to the widow of the late Mr. Li Tze-pan, of the Police Department. It is stated that "Sergeant Interpreter Li Tze-pan, Police Department, died after 24 years' service at the age of 50 leaving a widow and two children. A pension of \$124.72 plus 25% temporary increase making a total of \$155.90 per annum is payable under the W. & O. Pension Ordinance and the widow is in very poor circumstances. Mr. Li Tze-pan had an excellent record and it is recommended that a grant equivalent to one year's salary (\$1,050) be made for the benefit of the widow and children."

Pier Repairs.

The Public Works Department seeks a further \$2,500 under the heading of New Kowloon, for the maintenance of piers. It is explained that "it is necessary that general repairs, painting, tarring and pointing to Kowloon City Pier, Shamshuipo Ferry Pier and Tung Chow Street Quay Wall be put in hand as early as possible. To carry this out a further sum of \$2,500 is required to supplement the vote, which sum it is anticipated will be sufficient for the year 1927. The above is to be met from savings."

More Coolies.

The Secretariat for Chinese Affairs has a vote of \$133 for approval and there is an explanation that "the present S.C.A. Offices have more rooms and are generally more spacious than the old ones in Beaconsfield Arcade. It is considered necessary to engage an additional office coolie in order to have the cleaning work done efficiently."

The sum of \$300 is asked for by the Colonial Secretary's Office as "personal emoluments" and it is explained that "owing to the increased pressure of work in the Colonial Secretary's Office, it has been found that the present staff of messengers is inadequate to carry out the duties they are required to perform. It is considered that the best course will be to relieve them of the majority of their office cleaning duties and for this work it is proposed to engage as from 1st March, 1927, two extra cleaning coolies at \$11 per month and \$4 per month rent allowance each. A vote for \$300 is accordingly requested. When the 1927 Estimates were framed the need for this increase had not been established. Due provision for 1928 will be made in the Estimates for that year."

Metering Water.

In connexion with the Kowloon Water Works, the Public Works Department seeks \$10,000 (half of which will be saved from other heads) on account of meters. The explanation is that a saving of \$5,000 on the Hongkong Motor Vote is anticipated and it is suggested that this sum be transferred from Hongkong to Kowloon—in addition

to this a further sum of \$5,000 is now asked for making a total additional sum of \$10,000 which will allow for the fixing of approximately 200 meters in Kowloon. It would be worth while for Government to vote sufficient funds for these installations as:

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3. The meters are a dead weight in store but when in use pay for themselves in from four to six years by meter rents alone.
4. These meters will register excess consumption which will be paid for by the users to the benefit of the revenue.
5. About 300 applications for water meters in Kowloon have been received.

Taipei Bridge.

The sum of \$30,000 is asked for by the P. W. D. on account of the new bridge at Taipei to replace the one washed away in 1925. It is stated that "the delay in not completing this work last year is regretted. The preliminary prickings gave ground for the expectation that foundations could be obtained at a depth not greater than 7 or 8 feet and upon this basis was founded the decision in favour of a steel bridge. A request for tenders for the steel work was forwarded in July last and it was anticipated that the delivery would have taken place in 1926 and the financial provision was made to cover the cost of this and the work on the abutments and piers to carry the steel work. A further examination however demonstrated that foundations would have to be carried to a depth of 15 or 16 feet which extra work would bring the total cost of the steel bridge to about \$35,000.

It is now proposed to construct a reinforced concrete bridge on long-pile piers and the cost of this, it is anticipated will not exceed the original estimate of \$51,000. The work will be finished in 1927 and a vote of \$30,000 is accordingly requested forming the balance of the original estimate. The above is to be met from savings."

Magnetic Instruments.

The Royal Observatory, under the heading of special expenditure, asks for \$150 for repairs to magnetic instruments. The account for repairs to the magnetographs which should have been paid by the Crown Agents in December last has been sent in error direct to Hongkong. There was a balance of \$358.26 on the vote in 1926 for the expenditure and the sum now asked for is a revote of part of that balance. The above is to be met partially from savings.

Eastern Health Bureau.

The sum of \$2,000 is asked for under the heading of Miscellaneous Services on account of the League of Nations' Health Organisation, Eastern Bureau, and it is explained that "the sum of \$5,000 voted for the Epidemiological Bureau for the Far East in respect of 1926 has not been paid by the Crown Agents. Provision was made in the Estimate for 1927 for \$3,000 in respect of 1927. It was decided that only one contribution (\$5,000) should be made in respect of 1926-7. A revote of \$2,000 is therefore requested which together with the \$3,000 included in the Estimate will make up the contribution of \$5,000 in respect of the two years 1926-7."

A Re-Vote.

In explaining the request for \$3,410 under the heading of Charitable Services, the Message states that "in 1926 a sum of \$3,410 was voted on 12th October to be paid to the widow of the late Sub-Inspector C. Dorrington. Mrs. Dorrington had, at that time left the Colony and the Crown Agents were unable to pay this sum until January, 1927. The authority of the Council having lapsed a revote of a similar amount is now requested to cover this payment in 1927."

Cost of Telegrams.

To defray the cost of telegrams, a further sum of \$11,000 is requested under the head of Miscellaneous Services. It is explained that "the original estimate of \$7,000 for this vote was framed in 1926 when it was hoped that better times were before the Colony. Unfortunately the developments both here and in China have resulted in an enormous increase in telegraphic correspondence and no less than \$5,058.97 has already been expended up to the end of February. It is estimated that unless conditions improve a further sum of \$11,000 will be needed to meet requirements for the whole year and a supplementary vote for that amount is accordingly requested."

Big Re-Vote.

The sum of \$20,000 is asked for by the Police Force to defray the cost of clothing, etc. The explanation is that "authority was given in 1925 to order 33,000 yards of Khaki material for making up of Police Summer Clothing and the cost of the material should have been charged against the 1926 vote

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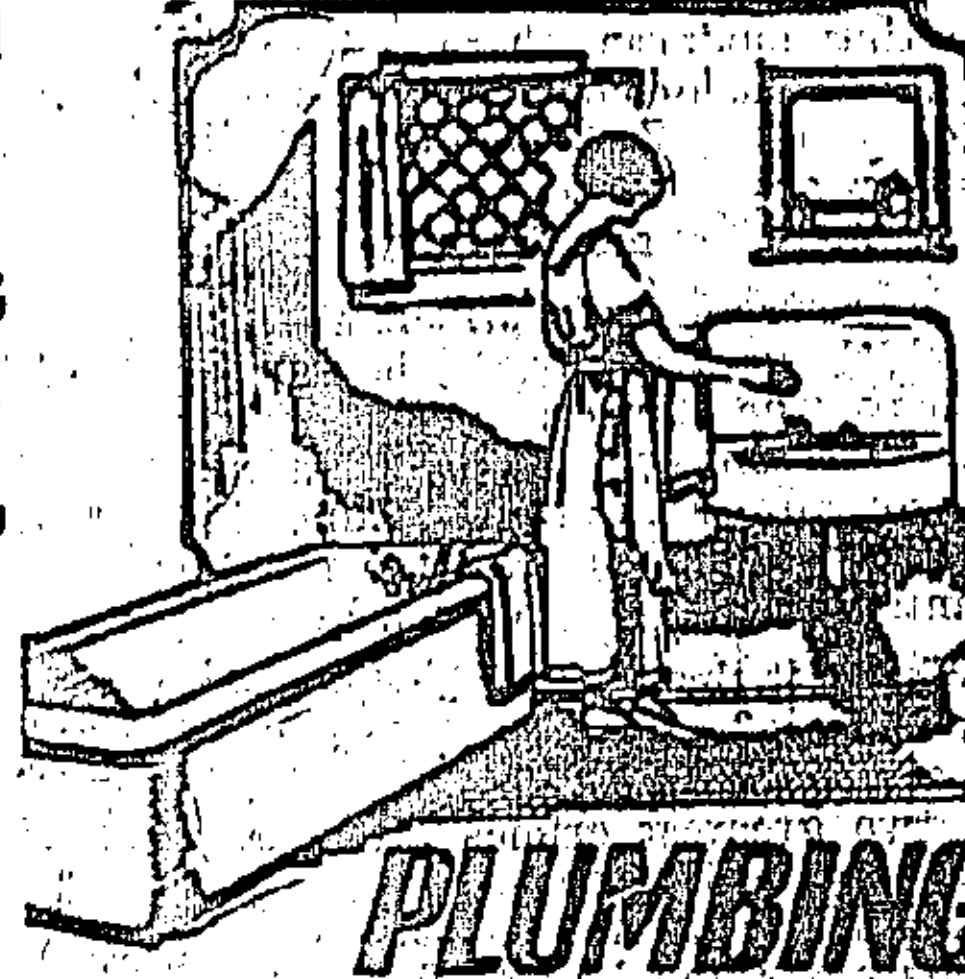
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upon which funds were available. The material did not not arrive last year and it is estimated that a further sum of \$20,000 will be required to supplement the 1927 vote. A supplementary vote for the amount which is a revote, is requested accordingly. A sum of \$37,399 lapsed from the vote for 1926."

Repairs to Microscopes.

In explaining a request for \$600 for the Medical Department for repairs to microscopes, the Message states:—"A vote for \$600 was taken in 1926. Estimates and the repairs were expected to be completed during that year. Advice has now been received from the Crown Agents that the repairs will soon be finished and as there is no provision in the current Estimates to meet this expenditure a vote of \$600 which is in the nature of a revote is requested."

Anti-Piracy Launches.

As a contribution towards the cost of three armed launches, the sum of \$29,250 is asked for under the head of Miscellaneous Services. It is stated that "under an agreement with the Naval Authorities Government has to contribute towards the cost of running 3 armed launches for Anti-Piracy work at the rate of £100 per month each for a period of 12 months from the following dates: March 25, 1927; March 29, 1927; and April 10, 1927. The cost of this service up to the end of the current year is estimated at \$28,000 and in addition the cost of insurance will be \$1,250."

MUCH-MARRIED MAN.

BUT, ACQUITTED OF POLYGAMY.

Paris.—A man of 54, Joseph Gribet, on being acquitted at Rhodan Assizes of a charge of polygamy—having three wives—left the palace of justice a free man, but found two women—"No. 1" and "No. 3"—waiting for him. Woman No. 2 had written to the court that she did not want to have anything more to do with him. Gribet was first married near Rodez, in South France. While he was at the front in 1916 a comrade told him that his wife had died. Gribet some months later married, near Rheims, a war widow with six children. Before the end of the war the second wife instituted divorce proceedings, and (without admitting whether he was really divorced or not) Gribet married a third time, in 1925. It so happened that Gribet and the third wife settled in the same Marne village where the second wife was living. Gribet can neither read nor write. He told the court that he knew nothing about marriage formalities; on each occasion his fiancée arranged the official and ceremonial proceedings. Angry words passed between the acquitted man and the two women who had waited for him.

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ARE MONOPOLIES A MENACE?

PRESS, BEER, AND HATS.

A lively audience filled the Essex Hall, London, recently for the debate arranged by the League for the Restoration of Liberty and the Distribution of Property on the question, "Is Monopoly a Menace?"

The method adopted was for each of seven speakers, including Mr. G. K. Chesterton, who is president of the League, to speak for fifteen minutes on one aspect of the subject. The only real debate was between Mr. Chesterton and Mr. Gordon Selfridge.

Mr. Arnold Dawson led off on the theme of the menace of newspaper trustification. The trustification of the Press was a menace, he said, because the great groups of newspapers were used to foment industrial strife. But even that was not such a great danger as the enormous power of the Press to misrepresent what was happening in other countries.

Mr. Leon M. Lion, who had been asked to speak about the theatres, talked reassuringly about the invasion by American syndicates, and declared he did not believe in the trustification of the English theatre. The alternative to the monopolist theatre would be a national theatre and a Ministry of Arts, which would be a much more dangerous monopoly than the present system under which the fittest can and does survive.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc spoke vehemently on the only methods by which the liquor monopoly could be attacked. Mr. Belloc said that there was a liquor monopoly, but the restrictions in connection with it were those of the liquor monopolists themselves. It was impossible to do anything with the Press in this respect, and all that could be done was to draw up questions for Parliamentary candidates and see that they answered them.

Mr. Selfridge's Methods.

Mr. Gordon Selfridge said he had been given fifteen minutes to defend something that hardly existed. There were very few monopolies in England except those that were essential, such as the telephones.

The qualities that were the foundations of all success in business were judgment, energy, strength of purpose, imagination, and ambition. A man with a combination of those qualities was independent of almost any monopoly.

There was no reason why any man should not start a newspaper or a shop, at any time. There was no monopoly in a great distributing business, there was no single patent, or copyright, or any kind of thing that could not be used by anyone else. It was not fair to call it a monopoly.

We are trying with all the effort of which we are capable, he said, to leave the impression that the twentieth-century merchant and man of affairs is broader minded and bigger minded than the merchants of the last three centuries.

Why, is it that several businesses are for sale? Because their owners are so easily satisfied. I think the two greatest crimes are laziness and the self-satisfaction which allows a man to lean back in his chair and be satisfied with what he has achieved.

Mr. Selfridge compared this country to a boat competing in a race. If everybody is going to be satisfied so easily, this boat is not going very far in the race for supremacy.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton's Reply.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton congratulated Mr. Selfridge on being so handsome and sportsmanlike as to take part in the debate, but suggested that his speech would have come with sincerity from the young individualists at the beginning of last century who believed that the industrious apprentice would not only become a Lord Mayor but that all the other industrious apprentices would become Lord Mayors at the same moment.

He seemed to think that the harder a man rowed the more room he would take up in a boat. Mr. Chesterton did not think the Cambridge boat would win if one Cambridge man took up as much of it as Mr. Selfridge took up of the London streets.

As for the idea that anyone could start a newspaper or set up a shop in competition with a great existing mass of capital and organization, that idea was only part of the beautiful romantic temperament which Mr. Selfridge had brought from the land of his birth.

In the old days kings and noblemen were monopolists. They monopolised the forces of destruction but left little people free to go about their daily business. The monopolists of to-day were a much greater menace, for they

HOTEL CHINA.

WHY IS FOREIGN WARE USED.

The statements made at the pottery "safeguarding" inquiry by Sir Francis Towle, managing director of Gordon Hotels, Limited, that felspar china of Continental manufacture was the most valuable type for first-class hotel use and that at present no earthenware made in Great Britain could compare with it were discussed by several men connected with the trade.

One of them told a *Manchester Guardian* representative that the complaint was a very old one and there was something in it, but if English bone china was rather more expensive than foreign felspar, it was better than anything made in either France or Germany. The head of Messrs. "Harrods" china department said that the foreign manufacturers made china expressly for hotel use, and that British manufacturers did not cater expressly for that trade. The foreign felspar china was made from a natural composition which was not found in this country, and British china was made from a mixture of Cornish clay and Staffordshire ball clay with 33 1-3rd per cent. of calcined bone, which was used to give it its beautiful translucency. This china did not chip black, but Sir Francis Towle seemed to be comparing felspar china with English earthenware, which would blacken because it was softer and more porous than any china.

Referring to the complaint made by Sir Francis that he had failed to persuade any British manufacturers to start a factory for the manufacture of felspar china, or to discover any satisfactory reason why the manufacture could not be profitably carried on in this country, this expert said that such an enterprise would not pay. It had been tried; at least English manufacturers had made the experiment of using felspar in place of calcined bone, with Staffordshire clay but it did not pay because of the cost of importing the felspar, which—with the increased rates—would be even more expensive now.

A War-Time Incident.

He recalled the incident that occurred at one of the big restaurants during the war when Lord Charles Beresford, who was dining there, turned up his plate, and discovering that it had been made in Germany, promptly smashed it to pieces, an example that was followed by several other guests. The restaurant proprietors said then, as they all say now, that they would prefer to use British made china instead of foreign if they could get it on the same terms. They had to restock themselves with British china during the war, and he thought they should continue to do so, because with the huge profits they made in other directions they could afford to. The loss in breakages was, after all, an inconsiderable part of the whole expenses of hotels or restaurants.

Another man with an extensive knowledge of the pottery trade said he had never been able to understand why British manufacturers did not make the type of china that the hotel proprietors required, but it was a fact that importers of hotel china could not get what they wanted in this country. Our manufacturers were not competing with the foreign manufacturers in this line, and it looked as if they were not inclined to do so, though there was no real reason as far as he could see why they should not make the attempt. He showed a piece of felspar china such as is used in the dining-cars of Continental trains, a piece that had been subjected to intense heat in the making and that could stand a great deal of knocking about. He thought that if the English manufacturers undertook the necessary trouble and research they should be able to compete with the foreign trade. He had no political bias for or against Free Trade, but he did not believe that safeguarding an industry by taxing foreign stuff did it any good. The way to help an industry was to stimulate the manufacturers to surpass their foreign competitors in the quality of their goods. He was glad to see that no attempt was being made to safeguard British earthenware.

Sir Sidney Harmer, who was 65 on March 9, retired on that date from the directorship of the National History Museum, South Kensington, which he has held since 1919.

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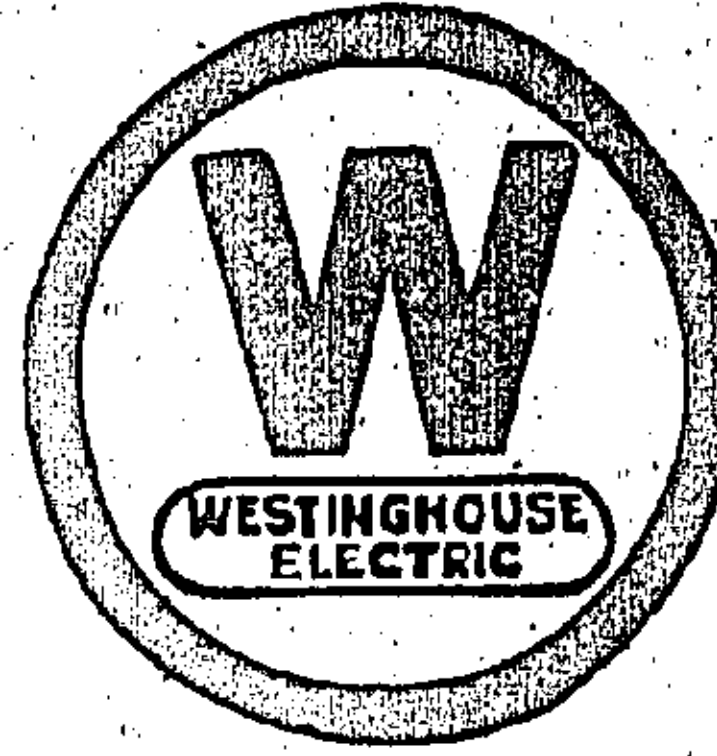
A JUDGE WHO WAS NOT SURPRISED.

Commenting on an allegation that strong language was used in a bakehouse, Mr. Justice Eve, in the Chancery Division, London, recently, remarked, amid laughter:—I hope I do not move among persons who are accustomed to use bad language to excess, but I do not believe that any congregation of men unless they are members of a Christian Association, working at night in a place the temperature of which is over 80 degs., and under circumstances when they are likely to burn their fingers and experience other inconveniences, would not occasionally use strong language.

One has only to listen, he added to any body of working men engaged in any undertaking to learn that there are certain words and adjectives applicable almost to any animate or inanimate need, not necessarily used as a term of reproach but often as a term of affection.

The case was an application for an injunction by the Freemasons' Hospital and Nursing Home, Fulham Road, to restrain A. B. Hemming from carrying on his bakery in such a way as to cause a nuisance by noise to the nurses in the nursing home.

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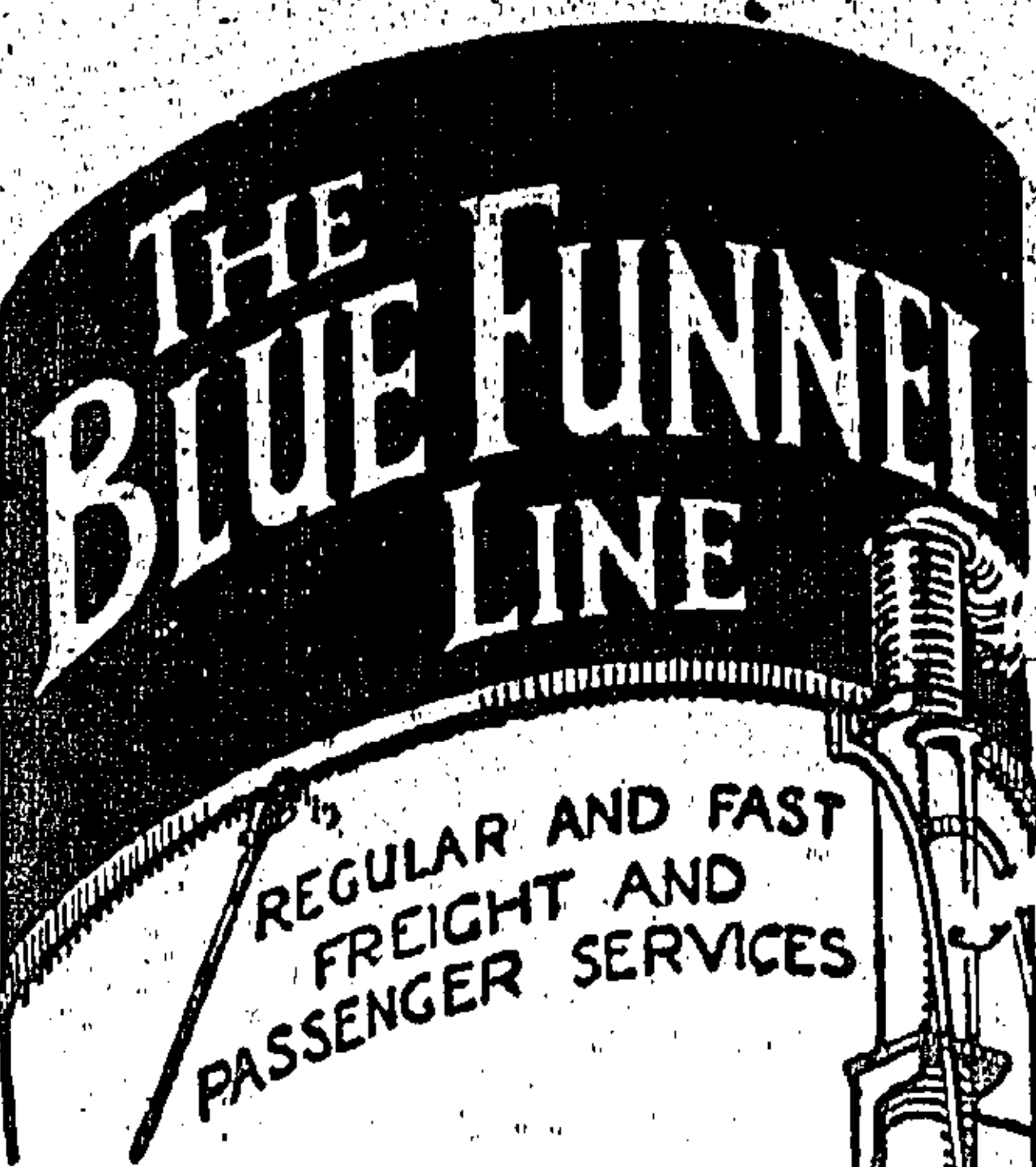
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HOME BY-ELECTION.

LIBERALS JUBILANT.

London, March 29.

The defeat of the Labourites at Leith and North Southwark, both, it should be noted, industrial centres, is attributed to the electors' dislike for the methods of extremists, as the Labour left wingers, with an infusion of Communists, were very active in both by-elections.

Mr. Strauss long nursed North Southwark and probably obtained many Conservative votes in the absence of an official Conservative candidate.

The Liberal papers and spokesmen to-day are jubilant and describe North Southwark as the turn of the tide, clinching the verdict at Leith. They declare these victories are evidence of the good effect of the recent closing up of party ranks, and the work of Sir Herbert Samuel since he was appointed chairman of the organisation committee of the party. Sir H. Samuel's announcement in February that he intended to run five hundred Liberal candidates at the next general election is regarded as no longer optimistic, but as good business from the Liberal viewpoint.

Sir Herbert Samuel, interviewed on the North Southwark result, said the fortunes of Labour until recently were rising, but are beginning to ebb, while the flow of Liberalism is now at the turn of the tide and is likely to increase. The electorate realised that socialism is the wrong policy. Furthermore, Labourites are fundamentally divided on questions of confiscation, Communism, and foreign policy. Their leadership consequently is weak and vacillating. Simultaneously, the Conservative Government is rapidly falling in public esteem.—*Reuter*.

Viscount Castlereagh, aged 24, son of the Marquis of Londonderry, was adopted recently as prospective Conservative candidate for Darlington.

A quartet comprising a bagpipe, two saxophones, and a trombone has been formed at Glasgow by members of the band of the 7th (Territorial) Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment).

THE VOLUNTEERS.

QUARRY BAY CUP COMPETITION.

It is proposed to hold a competition for the Quarry Bay Cup at Volunteer Headquarters at 4 p.m. on Saturday, 30th April. Details for all competitors are in course of preparation and will be issued in due course. Orders issued to the Scottish Company says that at least 75 per cent. of the effective strength of each platoon must parade. Tea will be provided for members of the Company and their friends.

The Cup, presented by Mr. G. M. Young, is held each year by the platoon gaining most points.

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1. Attendance.—Every N. C. O. and man who attends a parade scores a point for his Platoon.

2. Attendance at Camp.—Points will count as in No. 1 except that an attendance for each day counts as 2 points and an absentee minus 1 point.

3. Squad Drill.—Ten minutes drill under a N. C. O. (of the Platoon.) At least 50 per cent. (with Arms) of the active strength of the respective Platoons must take part.

4. Fire Control.—This will be carried out on the Miniature Range. One team from each Platoon of 4 men and a N. C. O.

5. Guard Mounting.—Platoons will parade in close column in Review order under the Company Commander or such other officer that may be appointed by the Commandant. Medals to be worn.

25 points to the Platoon having best average attendance on parade.

(a). A General Inspection of each Platoon will be made by neutral officers.

(b). Platoons will then march past in line from one end of the parade ground to the other. The salute will be taken at a saluting base halfway down the Parade Ground.

(c). Each Platoon will then furnish a Guard of 6 men, 1 Piper, and 1 Drummer and 1 N. C. O. Lots will be drawn for order of mounting guard.

GIRL DETAINED.

CHARGE OF HARBOURING FAILS.

An elderly Chinese woman was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, with harbouring a young Chinese girl without her parents' consent.

Mr. R.A.C. North, assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted, and Mr. M. K. Lo defended.

Outlining the case, Mr. North said that on Saturday, March 12, Sub-Inspector Stimson, who was attached to the S.C.A. in connexion with the traffic in women and girls, paid a visit to the ground floor of No. 10, Woosung Street, Yaumatei. This flat is a tolerated house and on searching the premises the Inspector found one girl, whose photograph did not appear in the register.

The girl was taken away and in consequence of what she told the police the defendant was arrested.

It appeared that the girl was brought to Hongkong from the country by a man, ostensibly to visit her sister, but on arrival she was sold to the defendant.

It was alleged that besides the defendant, there was in the house another person who was registered as the mistress of the floor. She had since absconded.

The girl stated that after being sold she was made to submit herself in common with the other inmates.

The allegation was that the defendant had forced the girl to remain against her will.

The defendant was discharged, the evidence being insufficient to convict her of being the responsible party.

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Messrs. Carroll Bros. have been advised of the following dividends on Mining Shares:

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Per s.s. President Madison for Seattle via ports, March, 29.—Mr. Chong Koo-kong, Mr. M. H. Fukushima, Mr. Hajime Inari, Mr. Junji Kawai, Mr. Isamu Mura, Mr. Fujie Muto, Mr. Tokuta Okuhara, Rev. B. Penn, Mr. T. Sakamoto, Mr. M. Shimomura, Mrs. Helen Slingluff, Miss S. Slingluff, Master F. Slingluff, Mr. Y. Sushihara, Mr. F. W. Sutterlin, Mrs. Nishi Takaki, Col. Y. Takekawa, Mrs. J. F. Wilcox, Master J. Wilcox, Miss Ann Wilkin, Mr. F. J. Adams, Mrs. N. De Sauvann, Mrs. Genava Keeth, Master David Keith, Mr. N. C. Mc Clelland, Mr. F. G. Mann, Miss G. Marriage, Mrs. C. A. Porter, Mrs. E. Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Savage, Mr. J. K. Butler, Miss Beth L. Waldron, Mrs. F. L. Waldron, Miss A. L. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bigelow, Mr. F. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Cardinal, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carpenter, Mr. C. Costallano, Mr. and Mrs. S. Erlanger, Mrs. F. S. Finkbine, Mr. George E. Gordon, Mr. A. S. Hayward, Mr. Carl Mes, and Mrs. M. H. Lines, Miss Blake Lines, Mr. A. E. S. Miller Stirling, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Schoppa, Mrs. Annie M. Wills, Mrs. D. L. De Quirino, Mr. F. De Quirino, Mr. C. De Quirino, Miss Mabel Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Warren, Mr. L. Mun-hock, Mr. B. H. Muller, Mr. Lee Yia-lam, Mr. Y. C. Woo, Mr. W. K. Chow, Mr. Cheung Kwok-sho, Mr. Yee Chaw-seng, Mrs. Chan Sheo, Miss Tak Kong, Mr. K. Chan, Mr. H. M. Chang, Mr. K. Hwang, Mr. T. Imone, Mr. Bandwin, Mr. F. J. Roper, Mr. H. Hallgren, Mr. Chao Tse, Mr. Fung Chin, Mr. Kam Kin, Mr. Lee Kam, Mr. Leo Chat, Mr. Liang Yuk-wing, Mr. Lum Ping-yin, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Memichan, Mr. Wing-chun, Mr. Jan Con-sang, Mr. D. B. Sparks, Mr. D. T. King, Mr. C. Chu, Miss Tsee Mak-ming, Mr. Wong Yin, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Fil-povsky, Mr. J. Vekhovskiy, Mr. T. H. Mol, Mr. T. S. Kwok, Mr. Y. Asano, Mr. Y. Ankal, Mr. M. Okamura, Mr. S. Kawanishi, Mr. U. Takegoshi, Mr. Jose Rodriguez, Mr. Young Kong-lum, Master Cheong, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Matilaco, Mr. Chan Tung-ki, Mr. Tong Tau-sum, Mr. Lee Jork, Master Lee Yun, Mrs. Quan Shoo, Master Lee Hee, Master Sam Poo-chow, Mr. Leo Chan-chun, Mr. Louis Sharr, Mr. Cheung Yee, Mr. Lee On, Mr. Chan Nam-sung, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Holling, Mr. J. J. Spetch Wilson, Mr. M. H. Matheson, Mr. C. C. Blake.

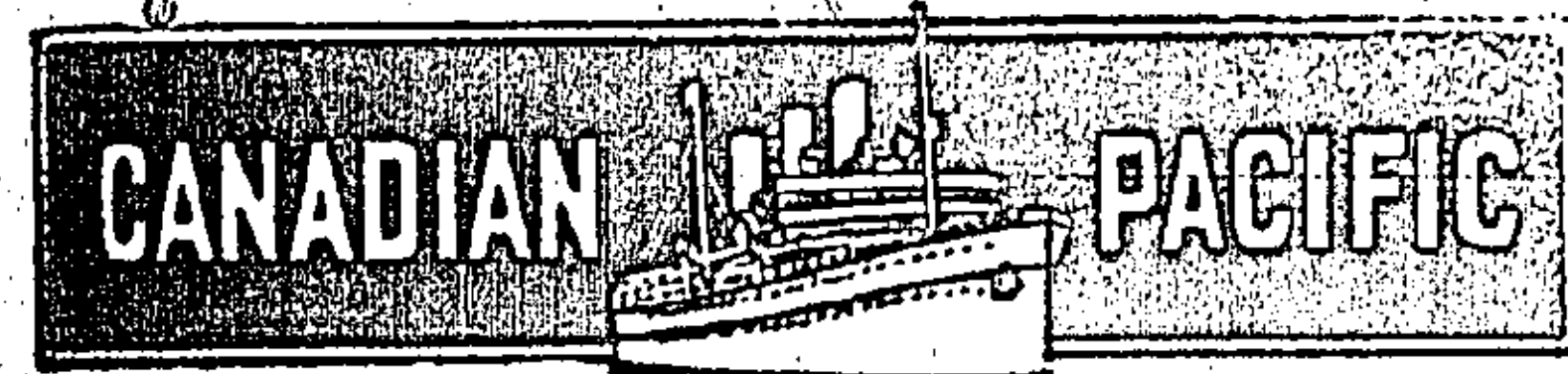
OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. HERBERT STEPHENS.

A very well-known and highly-respected former resident of the Colony has passed away at Home in the person of Mr. Herbert Stephens. News of his decease has just been received by his daughter, Mrs. Sara, the wife of Mr. Colin Sara, of the Public Works Department, to whom, as well as the widow, the sympathy of their many friends here will be extended in their bereavement.

The late Mr. Stephens left the Colony on retirement in the year 1923. He was not then in the best of health and the last couple of years he gradually grew worse and passed away at his home at Harborne, Birmingham, at the age of 59. Mrs. Stephens was with him until the end.

Mr. Stephens arrived in the Colony in 1903 and started a commission agency under the name of H. Stephens and Company in Queen's Road. He was a keen fisherman and a yachtsman and was the owner of the motor boat "The Kipper." He was a very old and valued member of the Phoenix Club, and also took an interest in racing, being a member of the Hongkong Jockey Club.



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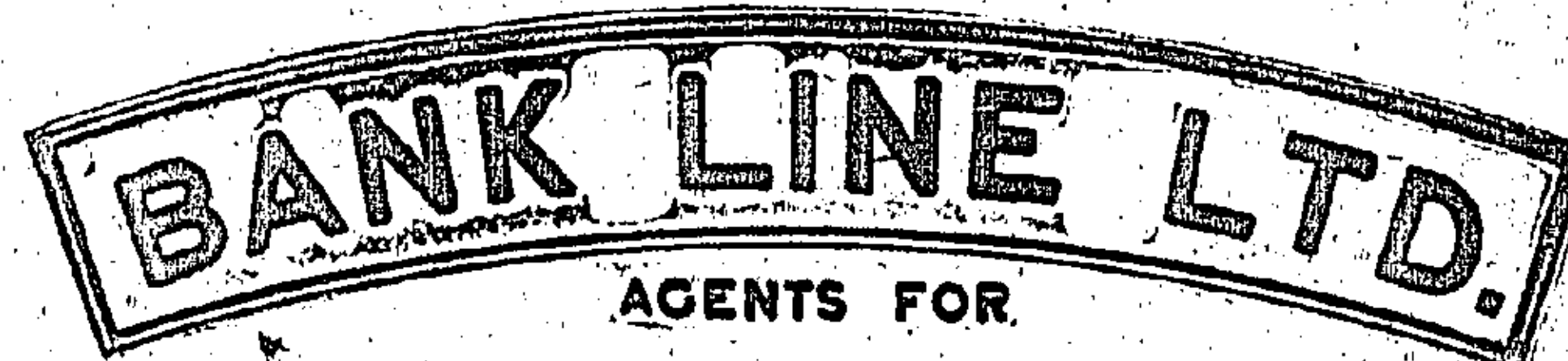
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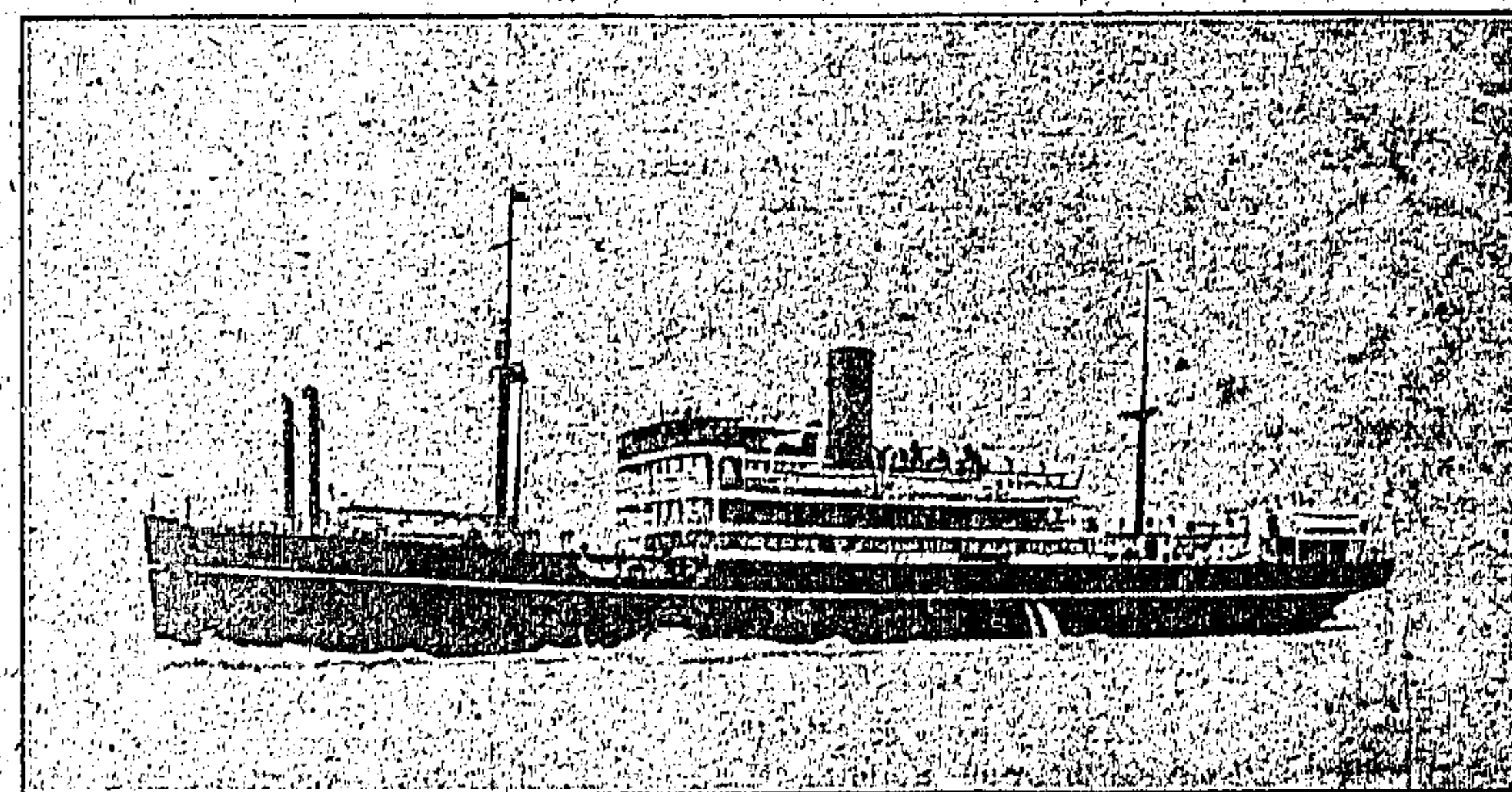
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CEMENT COMPANY.

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ferred the sum of \$140,474.85 from the "Reserve for New Plant" to buildings and machinery, thus writing down, after allowing for sales of old machinery, etc., the present old plant at Hok Un to \$186,364.79. This figure is a conservative one, for although the plant is very old, the buildings are in good condition and will be required when the new plant is erected.

Abandoned Scheme.

You will also notice that we have transferred from the "Reserve for New Plant" a further sum of \$34,525.16 to write off the preliminary expenses for the proposed new plant at Tsun Wan, this proposition now being considered an altogether too costly undertaking. On the other hand, we are glad to say that the Government have withdrawn their objection to our remaining at Hok Un so long as we eliminate the smoke and dust nuisance, and this we can do, as it has already been successfully carried out by a cement works situated right in the middle of the city of Glasgow.

I much regret that our Deep Water Bay works show such a heavy loss for the year, but the demand for the articles manufactured there has been practically nil. The brick kiln is, however, now turning out bricks at a cost which should enable us to compete when the building trade recovers from its present stagnation. We also, as you will notice from the accounts, suffered serious losses there both from the rainstorm of July last and the typhoon of September.

Interest for the year has been a drain upon our resources, due to the fact that after paying the dividend for 1925, our overdraft increased to nearly 8 lakhs, but this was reduced at the end of last year to 4½ lakhs through it being unnecessary to purchase raw material during the year, and should similar conditions continue we expect the overdraft will be liquidated during the current year.

Sundry creditors standing in the accounts at \$48,217.82 have since been, practically all paid. Investments at \$714,656 remain untouched.

Limestone Stocks.

Value of stocks of raw materials at Hok Un are reduced by about 4 lakhs, no limestone having been purchased last year. The stock of limestone, which is now about 124,000 tons, was checked by Messrs. Palmer & Turner during 1926, and I am pleased to report that their computation of the stock showed that our estimate was a conservative one.

To sum up and make the position quite clear to you, we have first of all finished with the old Aalborg kilns. Secondly, we are replacing these by a modern factory at Macao, and, thirdly, we have cleared the ground at Hok Un in readiness for the installation of the latest rotary kilns as soon as funds become available.

I do not think I have any further remarks to make and I therefore beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that shareholders may wish to put.

Mr. Croucher and Deep Water Bay.
Mr. Croucher: What Capital outlay is represented in the property and Works at Deep Water Bay?

The Chairman: On December 31st, 1926, \$250,655.13.

Mr. Croucher: How much has been expended on those works during the last 14 years?

The Chairman: \$197,018.34 on buildings and machinery and \$6,992.50 on land.

What has been the nett outcome of those works during this period of fourteen years—a profit or a loss?—A profit of \$51,041.02.

That is very small, is it not?—That is a matter of opinion. Times have been very bad recently.

Mr. Croucher: It is the feeling of the shareholders that this branch of our business should be closed down, and in view of the fact that the recent reports of this Company's yearly working show that Deep Water Bay is losing money, will the directors please give this matter their early and earnest consideration with a view to closing down this part of the Company's operations?

The Chairman: This matter is already receiving the directors' attention, but I feel it would be a serious risk if we closed them down. We should lose our goodwill and when things return to normal we should be behind in the race. It would need the training of new men if we re-opened.

The Macao Extension.

Mr. Croucher: It is reported that the two mechanical grate kilns now erected at Macao were first erected at Hok Un. Is this so?—Yes, upon arrival in Hongkong the two kilns were erected at Hok Un, but they have since been transferred to Macao where they were waiting re-erection.

How much was expended on them from the time they were ordered, shipped and erected at Hok Un?—The cost of the two kilns erected at Hok Un and since delivered at Macao was \$126,000.

Why were they dismantled?—To allow for the demolition of the Aalborg Kilns.

Mr. Croucher: What was the contract time for erecting the kilns at Macao? Is it true that the contractors took double that time and that owing to faulty construction of the new works at Macao, further expenditure was incurred in re-building same or part of same? Did the contract contain any penalty clause for non-completion. The final cost of these kilns is said to be \$711,000 odd. How is this made up?

The Final Cost.

The Chairman: There was no contract time as we did the work ourselves supervised by Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Co. The estimated time for the completion of the Rotary Grate Kilns at Macao was 18 months, but owing to numerous delays in the material coming forward, local conditions, etc., it was two years before they were finally completed. The only adjustments made after the buildings were completed amounted to two or three thousand dollars. The final cost of the completed plant was \$743,017.53.

Mr. Croucher: Was it necessary to have Messrs. Bailey supervising. Are none of our staff qualified?

The Chairman: All our men are experts, but though they occasionally gave attention, they were too busy at other things.

New Macao Post.

Mr. Croucher: Has a new post, namely that of sub-manager at Macao been created during the period under review? What necessitated this new post and what previous experience has this new sub-manager had?

The Chairman: Mr. Hayward, who used to be in charge of our Singapore Agency has been sent

to Macao to take charge of the office there, so as to leave the Superintendent more time to supervise the running of the factory.

Mr. Croucher: Why should you create new posts in times like these. It was not considered necessary when the Company was prosperous. Why now?

The Chairman: Our works at Macao have been considerably enlarged.

How often, asked Mr. Croucher, during the period under review have the directors personally inspected the works at Macao, Deep Water Bay, and Hok Un and what is the last date upon which each of these works was so inspected?

Mr. Shewan: All three works have been personally inspected by one or more of the directors.

Hok Un Management.

Mr. Croucher: The Manager of the Hok Un Works has recently returned from Home leave. By whom were his duties performed during his absence?

The Chairman: By Mr. Pooley, who was then assistant works manager.

Mr. Croucher: Where is Mr. Pooley now? What salary does he draw? When does his agreement expire? Will it be renewed on expiry?

The Chairman: Mr. Pooley is in England. He was given six months pay to cancel his agreement and for this sum is working as our technical adviser at Home until next September when his agreement expires. It is not intended to renew Mr. Pooley's agreement, but it is our present intention to re-engage him when we are ready to erect the new plant at Hok Un.

Mr. J. Scott Harston seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, and there being no further questions, the resolution was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

Other Business.

Mr. Bagram proposed and Mr. Fernandez seconded that Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. Allan Cameron be re-elected to the Board of Directors. This was carried.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors on the proposition of Mr. Coulthart, seconded by Mr. O. Kitchell.

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